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ANGLO-AMERICAN SWOOP ON NAZI DENS

Sensational Raids In Occupied Germany

BACTERIA EXPERT AMONG THOSE ARRESTED

FRANKFURT, February 23. (A.P.A.): British and American Military Intelligence authoritie s swooped down last night on an underground Nazi movement ai med at restoring Germany to military power, supposedly with the aid of new secret weapons. The raids continued throughout this afternoon.

U. S. Army Headquarters a nnounced today the movement was smashed with the arrest of its top leaders, including a Colonel of the Hitler Youth organizatio n, an army Major and several S. S. and S. A. Officers.

Describing the operation, the Army Headquarters said: "The main target of last (Saturday) night was a rather nebulous movement which has been under observation for the past two months. The individuals concerned are bound together by a common background of Nazi ideology and a mutual belief that they and other persons of their ilk are chosen to mould Germany into a powerful nation again."

BRITISH OPERATIONS

Associated Press of America Staff Correspondent George Boultwood, reporting British operations in the swoop from Herford, quoted a British Intelligence Officer as saying that the movement's objective was to revive a Totalitarian Government of German Militarism to lead the nations of Europe against Russia.

"The movement claimed possession of a secret bacteriological weapon, ready for use against the Occupying Powers," the Officer stated, but added that it was unknown whether the claim was true.

Thousands of soldiers and Military Government Intelligence Officers were taking part, Boultwood's dispatch said, and hundreds of house arrests had been made in both the American and British Zones.

IMMEDIATE OBJECTIVES

The U. S. Army announcement reported that the immediate goals of the undercover movement were:

1. A halt in the dismantling of war plants and similar installations for reparations.
2. The release of Nazis from internment and other restrictions.
3. Cessation of coal exports from Germany.
4. Denunciation of the policy of socialising Germany's industries.
5. Agitation for the return of East Prussia and Silesia to the Reich.

Army officials said that some of those arrested today had definite ties with other military men arrested on charges of subversive activities in the past three months.

"SILLY AND PRETENTIOUS"

HERFORD (Germany), Feb. 23. (Reuter): Thousands of British and American Intelligence Officers swooped last night on leaders of a secret Nazi organisation, one of whose aims was to "lead the nations of Europe against Russia", it was announced here today. The organisation, stated to extend throughout all the four Occupation Zones of Germany was threatening to use a "devastating new weapon" against the Allies if they refused to accede to its demands, a British Intelligence Chief said.

The Intelligence Chief added that the operation was the biggest since the occupation of Germany and was continuing.

Hundreds of people were connected with the organisation, which was under the leadership of former members of the S. S. who are alleged to have been planning restoration of a totalitarian regime in Germany.

A "devastating new secret weapon" which they were threatening to use, is blieved to be connected with bacteriological warfare.

The operation was known by the code name "Operation Selection Board". The Intelligence Chief said that many important leaders, including Hans George Eidmann, a former officer in the Bacteriological Department of the Wehrmacht High Command, have been arrested.

"The organisation was mainly centred in the British and United States Zones and was "trying to establish a network of former members of the S. S. through whom to establish contacts over a wide area and with many sections of population", the Intelligence Chief said. He described its aims as "silly and pretentious," but did not deny that it might have considerable effect on sections of the German population.

"Many extremely bad men are at large—men who avoided detection or escaped from custody and would do anything to bring about a revival of the days in which they thrived," the Officer said. "Some of them are criminals wanted by the Allies for crimes against humanity and others S. S Officers.

FIFTH COLUMN EXPERT ARRESTED

Also arrested are Dr. Rolf Wilkenning. S. S. Officer and former Fifth Column expert in Holland and Belgium, and Colonel Kling, former head of the Waffen S. S. of Hesse and Second-in-Command of the Number Two Panzer Regiment.

It is learned that Brigadier General Ellersiek whom the Americans captured was arrested in Fulda in the home of his mistress while his wife was detained by the British in Hamburg.

NO FRAME-UP FOR MOSCOW

BERLIN, February 23. (U.P.A.): Lieut General Lucius D. Clay, Military Governor Designate of the American zone of Germany, said the American-British crackdown on the German underground had no special significance. He said, "We have been watching this group for some time and decided with the British that it was now timely to break it up."

The statement indirectly refuted suggestions that the American and British timed the raid for the eve of the Moscow Conference to impress other Allies with their efforts to prevent the revival of Nazism in the Western zones. Almost daily the Russian controlled German Press has been charging that Nazism is reviving in the Western Occupation zones. Military Government de-Nazification officials in Berlin said the raids had no connection with the de-Nazification programme and were intelligence affairs.

CONSTITUTION BEFORE DEC.

Speed-Up Of Consembly Work: Nehru's Call To Legislators

NEW DELHI, Feb. 23. (A.P.I.): The Congress Party in the Central Legislature held a prolonged meeting today at which the food question, the party's attitude in regard to various legislative measures and changes in the Party constitution were considered.

It is understood that Pandit Jawaharlal Nehru explained to the meeting his own views and those of his colleagues on the British Government's latest statement on India on which he issued a statement last night. It is learnt that the Congress President was requested to return to Delhi urgently so that he might issue the statement. As, however, Acharya Kripalani could not come owing to indisposition, it was decided that Pandit Nehru should make the statement as it was considered that some indication of authoritative Congress reaction could not be delayed.

It is further understood that Pandit Nehru impressed on the Party members the need to get through with the legislative business as expeditiously as possible so that they could proceed with the Constituent Assembly work. According to informed quarters, Pandit Nehru emphasised the necessity of finishing the drafting of the constitution before December 1947.

GANDHIJI AT CHAR SOLADHI

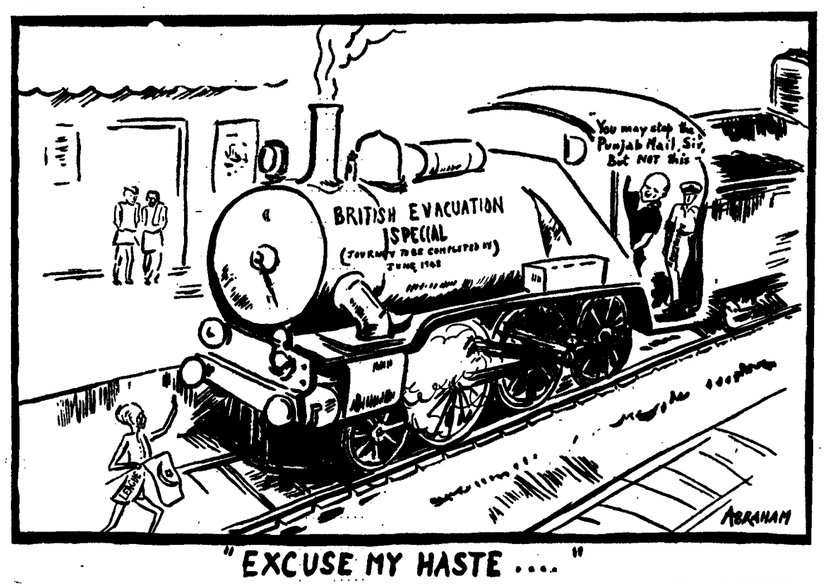
CHAR SOLADHI (Tipperah), Feb. 23 (A.P.I.): Mahatma Gandhi arrived at the village of Char Soladhi at 8 a.m. this morning. Char Soldahi is the seventeenth village in the second part of his walking tour and the sixth in the Tipperah District. He is staying here in the house of a Harijan.

Tomorrow Mahatma Gandhi will walk to Haimchar, the last village in this programme.

Tiruvannamalai Temple Opened To Harijans

TIRUVANNAMALAI, Feb. 23 (A. P. I.): The Sri Arunachaleswarar temple at Tiruvannamalai, one of the important shrines of South India was thrown open to Harijans today.

Mr. J. Sivashanmugam Pillai, Speaker, Madras Assembly, and Mr. Kotti Minister for Hindu Religious Endowments, specially arrived here today to participate in the opening ceremony.



"EXCUSE MY HASTE ...."

INDIAN UNION SABOTAGED!

Br. Premier Has Gone Back On Cabinet Mission's Plan, Says Narendra Deva

CAWNPORE, February 23. (U.P.I.): Acharya Narendra Dev, Congress Socialist leader, in course of an interview to the "United Press of India" says: "I am surprised to read in papers that Congress members of the Central Legislature are jubilant over the latest statement of His Majesty's Government. As a matter of fact there is no cause for such jubilation. The British Prime Minister has actually gone back on the Cabinet Mission's statement of May 16, 1946, and has sabotaged the Indian Union.

"The Congress paid a heavy price in order to secure a Centre, however weak it might be, but now we find that even that Centre is going to vanish into thin air.

"It seems that Mr. Jinnah's slogan of 'divide and quit' is going to be realised while the Congress wanted the British to quit and leave us to our fate without deciding anything.

"The statement is further beautifully vague in certain important respects and does not seek to solve the present problem."

"In the circumstances, the Congress will be perfectly justified in declaring that it no longer feels itself bound by the statement of May 16, 1946."

"It is through our own strength that we shall attain freedom. The Congress should now set its face against appeasement either of Britain or of the Muslim League. It is only by a grim determination to fight against all obstacles and by pinning our faith in the organised strength of the masses that we shall win".

Sad Commentary On British Socialism

Commenting on H. M. G.'s statement the General Secretary of the Congress Socialist Party, Achyut Patwardhan said: "That power will have to be seized, that it will not drop from heaven by an act of British grace, is the first lesson that the Prime Minister's statement underlines once again.

"The British Conservative Press has also noted this, passive character of the British policy. Their advice to those reactionary elements in India whom they have supported and bolstered up for years seems clear. That it make as much trouble as you can, frighten the Congress, grab what you can while we are going'. It is a sad commentary on British socialism that the British Prime Minister does not consider the people of the Indian States as a sovereign political entity.

"The British Prime Minister did not dare to displease his Allies, the Muslim League, by a single word of disapproval about the League's policy of denouncing the statement of May 16 last. He did not have the guts nor does he consider it logical that the League under those conditions has no place in the Interim Government. This brutal fact should at least cure the optimist that there is no question of any facility to be secured from Britain. The problem of ultimate authority will have to be solved entirely in terms of our own strength and our ruthless will to establish our sovereign authority.

"The Congress must recognise that the time for audacity and boldness has arrived. Any effort to appease the League will be construed as weakness and defeat its own ends. It is for the Congress to muster its total strength in the Punjab and Bengal as well as in the States. The struggle for power will have to be waged intensely in these areas where the issue between freedom and reaction is still undecided. An over-cautious approach only spells vacillation. It will open up a prolonged period of strife and unrest. The situation demands firm action and determination to establish our freedom not in words alone but with strength that is also ours.

"Britain will offer no help and will have to be pushed along with her reactionary allies. A firm and clearly defined policy will once more unite the entire forces of resistance and end the period of mutual disapproval which co-operation on Britain's terms had endangered among the Congress ranks.

Congress President's Tip To Leaders

ALLAHABAD, Feb. 22. (A.P.I.): When interviewed by the Associated Press to express his opinion on the latest statement of Premier Attlee on India, Acharya Kripalani, Congress President, said that it would not be proper for any member of the Working Committee to comment on the statement before the Working Committee meets and considers it.

He, however, smiled and added: "The only thing definite in the statement is that Lord Wavell will quit and Lord Mountbatten will come."

"Assurance Of Attlee's Sincerity"

MADRAS, Feb. 22 (A.P.I.): "I am not surprised at the diverse reaction to the Premier's statement in Parliament, nor should there be any surprise if people passed from hope to doubt and back again from doubt to hope," says Mr. T. R. Venkatrama Sastri, President of the National Liberal Federation.

"I believe that the Premier intends well by India. The fixing of a time limit for the transfer of power gives assurance of his sincerity. The recall of the Viceroy has far-reaching significance. That these features should be galling to the imperialists is intelligible."

Lathi Charges And Arrests At Chowpatty

Sequel To R. I. N. Mutiny Day Celebrations

BOMBAY, Sunday.

Sixteen persons, including a girl, were arrested this evening, after the Bombay police made repeated mild lathi charges on a crowd which had gathered at the Chowpatty beach to witness the Forward Bloc defiance of the ban on meetings in connection with the R.I.N. Revolt Day.

No serious injuries to anyone is reported but an eighteen-year-old girl received a head-injury when a flying stone struck her in the stone-throwing that followed the arrests.

Excitement was caused when a Sikh youth, said to be a former Royal Indian Navy rating, and a police official got locked in a brief scuffle near the flag-post at the centre of the meeting place. When overpowered finally, the ex-rating fell down with the tricolour, which the police removed subsequently.

Long before the scheduled time for the meeting, people began collecting on the Chowpatty sands, mostly attracted by a tri-colour mast and an improvised dais. A fully armed contingent of police was standing by and at 5-30 p.m. Pandit Sheelbhadra Yajee, General Secretary of the All-India Forward Bloc, arrived at the scene, accompanied by his followers, and proceeded to read the resolution to be adopted by the meeting. He was immediately taken into custody and removed to a police van.

Fifteen other persons, belonging to various political organisations which had joined to form the R.I.N. Revolt Day Celebration Committee, came to the dais and police swiftly arrested them when they started making speeches.

After the arrested persons were removed from the scene, the police asked the crowd to disperse. A lathi charge was made when it was found that some elements in the crowd started stone-throwing. Notwithstanding this, the crowd was in no mood to disperse and three more mild lathi

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STOP PRESS

THE ROYAL TOUR.

LONDON, Feb. 23 (Reuter): The visit of the Royal Family to South Africa is not proving to be an unqualified success, says a special correspondent of the independent Sunday "Pictorial" to-day in an article answering criticisms of the Royal tour.

KURDISH REBELS DEFEATED IN IRAN.

TEHERAN, Feb. 23. (U.P.A.): A number of Kurdish rebels, joined "by American and Assyrian bands who thought they could continue trying the patience of the Iranian Army", were defeated decisively in the Ghasemloo Valley in south Rezaiyeh, it was disclosed to-night by the Iranian Chief of Staff.

Fifteen Kurds were known to have been killed and at least 50 wounded.

POLITICAL DUEL.

ROME, Feb. 23. (Reuter): Italy's first post-war political duel is due to take place at dawn to-morrow after a challenge by Colonel Randolfo Pacciardi, leader of the Left-Wing Republican Party, to Tulli Benedetti, Editor of the Right-Wing newspaper "Giornale Della Sera" over an article criticising one of his speeches.

STATE OF PRUSSIA.

BERLIN, Feb. 23. (U.P.A.): The Deputy Military Governor of the Big Four to-day drafted law formally dissolving the State of Prussia the historical breeding ground of German militarism.

The law now will be sent for final approval to the Allied Control Council, comprising the four military governors.

"Retreating Glacier" In The Antarctic

BYRD EXPEDITION DISCOVERS UNFROZEN LAKE

Important Region In World For Scientific Explorations

DUNEDIN (New Zealand), Feb. 23. (Reuter): Admiral Byrd's Expedition has mapped 125,000 square miles of the coastal area of the Antarctic continent, it was reported here today.

It has discovered 15 "moderate-sized" islands, four large bays and two mountain ranges rising to 15,000 feet.

UNFROZEN LAKE DISCOVERED

ABOARD U.S.S. MOUNT OLYMPUS, LITTLE AMERICA, Feb. 23. (U.P.A.): Rear Admiral Byrd attached tremendous importance to scientific investigation of a newly discovered unfrozen lake area on the Antarctic continental rim, inland from the Shackleton Ice Shelf.

He said to-day that this should be "one of the most important areas in the world for scientific exploration." He said he and his advisers believed the region was a "retreating glacier" similar to that of the Taylor Glacier in the McMurdo Sound vicinity about 1,320 miles northeast of the new lake area.

Byrd, recommending investigation of the new discovery, said: "You are likely to find fossils there. Also, there is an indication of the presence of coal."

Meanwhile, two aircraft of the Western Antarctic Task Force, to-day made the deepest penetration yet of the South Polar continent. The seaplanes by passed nearly 1,500 miles of unknown coastline flying over both the Indian, Antarctic and Atlantic Antarctic Oceans, scouting Prime Olaf Land and Princess Ragnhild Land.

The flyers by-passed three unamapped areas—Princess Elizabeth Land, McRobertson Land and Enderby Land.

"MERRICK" SAFELY BERTHED

AUCKLAND (NEW ZEALAAND), Feb. 23. (Reuter): After a long and perilous journey since her rudderstock broke in the Antarctic, Admiral Byrd's Expedition ship "Merrick" towed by the icebreaker "Northwind" and escorted by the transport "Yancey" safely berthed at Dunedin to-day.

She enters the drydock this coming week for repairs.

"Northwind' left again for the Antarctic to-night to help clear other ships from ice. "Yancey" is remaining at Dunedin. The crews stated that all the expedition ships are scheduled for a rendezvous at Wellington on March 14.

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ANTHROPOLOGICAL SURVEY OF INDIA

Standing Finance Committee's Five-Year Scheme For Development

NEW DELHI, Feb. 23. (A.P.I.): A scheme for the development of the Anthropological survey of India was approved by the Standing Finance Committee which met in New Delhi recently under the chairmanship of Mr. Liaqat Ali Khan, the Finance Member.

The five year scheme for the organisation, and development of the Anthropological survey of India was prepared at the request of the Government of India by Dr. B. S. Guha, now Director of Anthropological Survey of India, and Col. R. B. Seymour Sewell of Cambridge University and lately Director of Zoological Survey of India. It was accepted in principle by the Government of India last year.

The Government of India have already set up a nucleus of the Anthropological Survey of India and an expenditure of Rs. 1,37,730 was provided to meet expenditure during 1946-47. During 1947-48, the second year of the plan, expenditure is estimated to be Rs. 3,62,000. During the year 1948-49 to 1950-51, an expenditure of about Rs. ten lakhs is estimated. It is proposed to shift the Anthropological Survey of India, which is now situated in Benares, to the Indian museum at Calcutta where it has been possible to obtain some additional accommodation for it.

British Army Chaplain Injured In Hold-Up

ROME Feb. 22. (Reuter): A British army chaplain was seriously wounded by machinegun fire when he and another British chaplain were held up by bandits near Venice today, A. N. S. H. the Italin news agency reported.

The incident occurred on the Venice-Trieste road.

The chaplain was later taken to the British military hospital at Mestre, about five miles noth-west of Venice.

West Triumphant In Zonal Tournament

Fine Bowling By Phadkar: Amarnath's Audacious Knock

BOMBAY, Sunday.

WEST ZONE (First Innings)	492
NORTH ZONE (First Innings)	253
NORTH ZONE (Second Innings)	205

Only 8 balls after the tea interval on the third day sufficed to terminate the final of this year's Zonal Tournament. The West Zone had the distinction of being the first winners of this Tournament, for although the Tournament was played last year as well, the final had to be abandoned owing to the R. I. N. Mutiny.

The credit of this victory goes in a very large measure to Phadkar, who after capturing four of the remaining five wickets in an hour this morning, proceeded to dismiss three more batsmen in the second innings of his opponents. He was always accurate, particularly with the new ball and apart from Anwar Hussein in the first innings and Mohammad Saeed and Amarnath in the second, no batsman from the North faced this Bombay bowler with any confidence. In the second innings, he swung the ball even when the total was well past hundred and had Kisenchand beaten by one such delivery shortly after lunch.

To start with, after Kisenchand left the first ball from Hazare operating with the new ball, Phadkar proceeded to account for all the remaining wickets. Anwar Hussein being the last to be dismissed largely as a result of some clever piece of stumping on the leg side. His analysis this morning for the first innings was 5.6 overs, two maidens, 14 runs and four wickets.

In their second innings, Imtiaz was dismissed by Phadkar when the score was ony four. Anwar Hussein and Mohammad Saeed were soon back in the pavilion with the score not yet 50, when Kisenchand joined Amarnath. The latter was playing particularly well after an early escape through the slips when Vinoo missed a catch off Hazare. Indeed, Amarnath was treating Amir Elahi with as much respect as he meted out to Ellis of the Australian Services XI last season. He repeatedly stepped out of his crease to meet Amir Elahi and by the time his bat had finished its work, there was not much spin left in Elahi's well flighted deliveries. His dismissal, when but one short of his half century, was one of the two major tragedies of this year's Zonal Tournament the other was, of course, the treatment of Fazal Mohamood by his own fielders.

Once Amarnath had left, there was hardly any kick left in the vast tail of the North Zone and apart from a particularly fortunate eighth wicket partnership between Khan Mohammod and Zulfiqar Ahmed, which produced 50 runs, there did not appear much likelihood of the match lasting out into the fourth day.

SCORE BOARD

NORTH ZONE (First Innings)

Mohammad Saeed c Amir Elahi b Vinoo Mankad	43
Balbirchand Khanna b Phadkar	5
Imtiaz b Amir Elahi	23
Kisenchand lbw b Hazare	69
Amarnath b Amir Elahi	28
Maqsood Ahmed c Vinoo Mankad b Tarapore	20
Anwar Hussein st Maka b Phadkar	40
Fazal Mahamood c Tarapore b Phadkar	5
Khan Mohammad b Phadkar	7
Zulfiqar Ahmed lbw b Phadkar	1
Irani not out	3
Extras	9
Total	253

FALL OF WICKETS:—1|9, 2|53, 3|91, 4|137, 5|170, 6|214, 7|227, 8|240, 9|246 and 10|253.

BOWLING ANALYSIS

	O.	M.	R.	W.
Phadkar	14.6	2	54	5
Hazare	10	0	37	0
Amir Elahi	26	4	76	2
Vinoo Mankad	16	1	46	1
Tarapore	12	3	31	1

NORTH ZONE (Second Innings)

Imtiaz b Phadkar	0
Mohammad Saeed c Hazare b Vinoo Mankad	25
Anwar Hussein b Phadkar	8
Amarnath run out	49
Kisenchand lbw b Phadkar	14
Maqsood Ahmed c Hazare b Tarapore	43
Balbir Chand Khanna lbw b Tarapore	0
Fazal Mahamood b Vinoo Mankad	6
Khan Mahammad lbw b Tarapore	28
Zulfiqar Ahmed st Maka b Amir Elahi	19
Irani not out	2
Extras	11
Total	205

FALL OF WICKETS:—1|4, 2|14, 3|49, 4|91, 5|129, 6|130, 7|153, 8|155, 9|203 and 10|205.

BOWLING ANALYSIS

	O.	M.	R.	W.
Phadkar	13	2	46	3
Hazare	6	2	23	0
Amir Elahi	12.1	0	67	1
Vinoo Mankad	8	2	18	2
Tarapore	9	0	40	3

UMPIRES: Messrs. J. R. Patel and D. K. Naik.

SEPARATE REPRESENTATION FOR BIGGER STATES

Formula For Allocation Of Seats Between Princes And People In Consembly

NEW DELHI, Feb. 23. (U.P.I.): The methods of allocation and selection of States representatives for the Constituent Assembly will, it is gathered, come up for decision before the joint meeting of the Negotiating Committees set up on behalf of the Indian States as well as British India which will be held on March 1 next.

It is understood that as a result of discussions held among responsible officials of the Secretariat of the Constituent Assembly, the Princes' Chamber and the All-India States' Peoples' Conference, a formula has been evolved according to which the bigger States entitled to two or more seats on population basis will be entitled to separate representations, while the States entitled to only one or no seats have been grouped together so as to be entitled to have at least two representatives from the group thus formed.

It is gathered that the purpose behind this decision to form groups on this line is to facilitate allocation of seats between the Princes and the people.

It is further learnt that the suggestion has been made on behalf of the States' Peoples' Conference that an agreed list of representatives of the Princes' Chamber and the Standing Committee of the All-India States' Peoples' Conference should be drawn up on a fixed ratio of one to two. As an alternative to this it has been suggested that the election from out of the Princes' quota be made by the Princes and the people's quota by the All-India States' Peoples' Conference.

If it is decided to return the States' representatives through election, the legislatures or any other representative local body which may be functioning in the States concerned should be utilised according to the suggestion of the People's Negotiating Committee.

It may be recalled that the Baroda State Government has already formally announced its agreement to accept this procedure.

It may be pointed out in this connection that out of 93 seats allotted to the States under the Cabinet Mission's plan as many as 60 will go to 16 States on the population basis. Out of these 60 seats, 30 will go to States which are not members of the Princes Chamber viz. Hyderabad, Mysore, Kashmere, Travancore, Baroda and Indore. The remaining 33 seats will have to be shared by the smaller States.

The Princes Chamber, it is learnt, represents only 236 States out of a total of 564 States, big and small, of the whole of India.

TOWARDS UNION OF RAJPUTANA STATES

(From Our Correspondent.)

JAIPUR, Feb. 21.

Conference of the Prime Ministers of all the Rajputana States was held here yesterday to draw up a scheme for the proposed Union of the Rajputana States.

Sources in close touch with the conference indicated to me that the conference was scheduled to meet on March 10, at Udaipur but it had to be hastened owing to certain activities of the sponsers of the Kathiawar-States Union. It was reported that they were trying to entrap some of the Southern Rajputana States in their Union.

The functions of the proposed Rajputana Union, it is reported will be to chalk out a common programme for the constitutional developments in these states, distribution of seats and manner of representation to the Constituent Assembly and the establishment of a common High Court on the lines adopted by the Deccan States Union.

Reforms In Mewar State

A formal announcement has been made regarding Constitutional Reforms in the state by the Maharana of Udaipur on the occasion of his birthday. The announcement says that a Legislative Assembly will be established and the people will be given share in the Executive Government. It is reliably understood that an assembly consisting of 47 with 32 elected members will be set up and two ministers will be chosen from the elected section. The election of the members will be from the Village punchayats already working in the states.

Inter-Asian Women's Association

NEW DELHI, Feb. 23, (U.P.I.): An Inter-Asian Women's Association will it is learnt, be formed during the forthcoming Inter-Asian Relations Conference.

Though the detailed aims and objects have been left to be formulated by the women delegated to the Inter-Asian Relaunchs Conference, its main object will be to further educational facilities, legal rights and status of women in Asia which now exist at a very low level as compared to their fellow citizens in America and Europe.

The Inter-Asian Women's Association will also endeavour to establish a close touch with the women's movements in all the Asiatic countries and function as liaison amongst the women's Associations all over Asia.

U. K. Cadet System Will Not Suit Indian Conditions

Organising Committee's Plea For State Financing Of Training

LONDON, Feb. 23. (U.P.I.): The Indian National Cadet Corps Organisation Committee under the leadership of Prof. M. Haider of the Aligarh University now visiting the United Kingdom has completed its first week's engagement.

The Committee has given to the United Press of India a resume of what it has seen and done so far.

The members have held several conversations with the War Office on aspects of organisation, training, administration and finance of junior training corps and army cadet force.

They have visited junior training corps at Eton and Wellington, famous English public schools as also several army cadet force organisations in several parts of London.

They emphasise that they cannot make any official disclosure of what their reports will be. But as a general line of their thought they feel that they can say that in their opinion junior training corps in public schools are for fortunate sections of people and their training is aimed to produce officers.

They have noted that junior training corps are practically self-supporting and not dependent upon Government grant. Whereas acts are for poorer section of population wholly maintained by Government finance and aimed to train for ranks.

The members firmly believe that none of these systems would suit Indian requirements. Under the present conditions in India cadet training must be financed by the State and aim to turn out men of character fitted for leadership, be it in field of armed services or in civil occupation.

MINISTER'S ADVICE TO AGRICULTURISTS

Govt. Will Help Those Who Help Themselves

HUBLI, Feb. 22 (A.P.I.): If the agriculturists want to better their lot they themselves should come forward, Government will help those who help themselves", observed Mr. M. P. Patil, Minister for Agriculture and Forests, Government of Bombay, inaugurating the Dharwar District Agricultural show and the Co-operative Societies' Conference to-day at Ranebennur. Mr. K. F. Patil, Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister for Revenue, Government of Bombay presided.

Mr. K. F. Patil, in his presidential address, exhorted the agriculturists to be ready with their plans for the reconstruction of the society, especially regarding the land problem, to be put into effect immediately after complete independence was achieved.

Maulana Azad's Address To U. P. Ulema

LUCKNOW, Feb. 22 (API): Maulana Abul Kalam Azad today exhorted a galaxy of over one hundred Muslim Ulemas, who had gathered from all parts of the Province in Lucknow, in connection with the re-orientation of Persian and Arabic languages in "Madrasas", to live up to the glory of ancient Islamic culture and education and to move with the times.

Maulana Azad was presiding over the Arabic and Persian Committee set up by the U.P. Government to re-organise the languages in the Province.

Maulana Azad felt that in India Arabic and Persian languages must have a vernacular medium. The veil of languages should be unfolded by the mother tongue. The language should not be a strange thing to tedder pupils. "Furune Alia" (the grammer portion of Arabic) should be taught in Urdu to public.

Maulana Azad laid great stress on the time factor. He said, "In a period of stagnation it is forgotten that life is correlated with the system of education. The system of oriental education did not follow the march of time. Today the system of Arabic and Persian education is far behind modern times ranging to the extent of 500 years. If these two oriental languages are to survive they must be co-ordinated with modern thought, scientific investigations, researches and philosophy".

Bombay Presidency Women's Council

The B. P. W. C. will hold its 28th Annual General Meeting and 11th Conference at the University Convocation Hall from Tuesday the 25th to Friday the 28th February. The Conference will be opened by the Hon. Mr. B. G. Kher, Prime Minister at 5 P M. During the three days' sessions talks will be given by eminent speakers such as the Hon. Mr. Dinkerrao Desai, the Hon. Mr. Justice Chagla and Mr. Jamnadas Mehta and interesting discussions will take place.

There will also be an Exhibition and Sale of Work organised by the Women's Home Industries Depot from Wednesday the 26th February to Monday the 3rd March. The exhibition will be opened by Her Excellency Lady Colville on Wednesday the 26th February at 5 P. M., and will be open to the Public from 11 A. M., to 5-30 P. M., daily.

Attack On Bombay Tenancy Act

JALGAON, Feb. 22, (A.P.I.): Shrimant Chatrapati Captain Shahu Maharaj of Satara presiding over the Provincial Landdowners' Conference, which opened its two-day session here this afternoon, said that the Tenancy Act, needlessly created class conciousness among the peasants

He added that it was wrong to say that the relation between the landlord and the cultivator was the same as that between a factory owner and his employee.

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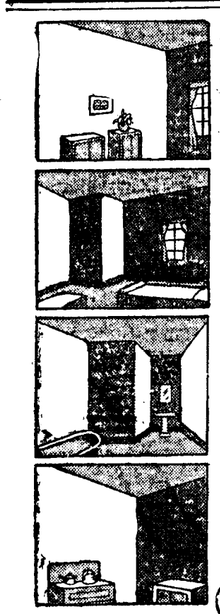

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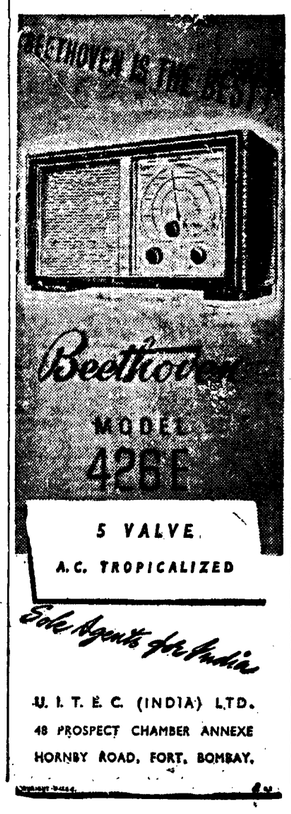

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Today's Engagements

ART AND CRAFT EXHIBITION: At Roopa Bharati to be opened by Mrs. Lilavati Munshi at K. R. Cama Oriental Hall, Museum North, at 5 p. m. today (Monday).

MAZDAZNAN ART EVENING today (Monday) at 6 P. M. at Alexandra Girls' School Hall, Waudby Road. Mr. V. R. Amberkar will deliver a lecture on "An Approach to Art".

GUJARAT RESEARCH SOCIETY: Prof. V. B. Athavale of H. P. T. College, Nasik will speak on 'AUTHENTICITY OF SHRI KRISHNA'S MOVEMENTS IN GUJARAT' today (Monday) at 5-30 p. m. in the Lecture Hall of the University School of Economics and Sociology, Justice Sir H. V. Divatia presiding.

BOMBAY DISCUSSION GROUP: Mr. P. G. Shah to speak on "a National Biometric Survey" today (Monday) at 6-30 p. m. (S. T.) at the Indian Merchants Chamber (opp. Churchgate Station) when Dr. Jivraj Mehta will preside.

MUSIC CONFERENCE FOR EAST BENGAL RELIEF FUND: Sahitya Sadavrit will hold Indian Music Conference on 25th, 26th and 27th February at Sir Cawasji Jehangir Hall for East Bengal Relief Fund under presidentship of H. H. Goswami Krishan Jivanji Maharaj.

BOMBAY SHROFFS ASSOCIATION

The Board of Directors of the Bombay Shroffs (Bankers) Association Ltd., at their meeting held on Friday have elected the following office bearers:—President—Seth Pranjal Devkaran Nanjee, J. P. Vice-President—Seth Mohanlal Ambalal Parikh, Hon. Secretaries—(i) Seth Shankarlal Chandulal Sura, (ii) Seth Shantilal Maganlal Shah. Hon. Treasurer—Seth Vallabhram Hemchand.

Textile Clerks' Union

At a general meeting of the Textile Clerks Union held at Mazdoor Manzil Parel on Sunday to discuss the Agreement dated 29th January 1947 reached between the Union and the Mill-owners' Association, a no confidence motion was passed by an over-whelming majority. Accordingly the old Executive Committee was dissolved and ADHOC Committee consisting of 11 Members was appointed to take over the charge of the Office and affairs of the Union.

Glass Works Strike Ends

BOMBAY, Sunday.

The 40 days' old strike of the Bombay Glass Works Ltd. was called off yesterday and all the workers have returned to work.

It might be recalled that the 1300 workers of the Bombay Glass Works Ltd. were on strike from the 13th Jan. The demands of the Union have been agreed to be referred to the Arbitration of Mr. Shantilal Shah, and the management has agreed to reinstate the dismissed Labour Officer.

Medicos' Plea For Cheaper Milk

The Secretary of the Bombay Branch of the Indian Medical Association has addressed an appeal to the Premier of Bombay requesting that the price of milk to be supplied to the public as per the proposed new milk scheme, be fixed at a low rate, so as to be within the reach of all losses of people, so that all expectant and nursing mothers and children may get the benefit of consuming adequate quantity of milk.

Assistant Secondary Teachers' Demands

Circular issued to the secondary schools in Bombay and Suburbs by the Federation of the Bombay and Subly the secondary teachers in the city have been suffering the greatest urban Assistant Teachers' Unions states:—The middle class particular-hardships of living on account of the ever increasing prices of the necessaries of life. It is learnt that the Headmasters' Association had gone on a deputation to Government with a request for more grant. The Government is reported to have been fixing the scales of salaries to the secondary teachers just as was done in the case of primary teachers. The Assistant Secondary teachers in Bombay and Suburbs are therefore requested to formulate their demands and send them to the Federation (250, V. P. Road, Bombay 4) before the 8th of March 1947 through their Unions so that a consolidated statement would be made and submitted to the Government by the Deputation. The secondary schools which may not have unions should expedite to form them in their schools.

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RENT ENHANCEMENT MEASURE

Mr. M. I. Rowji, Mayor of Bombay, has issued the following statement to the Press in connection with the Rent Restrictions Bill, 1947.

"I was surprised to read in the local newspapers the statements made by the Hon'ble Mr. Dinkarrao Desai in connection with the Rent Restriction Bill. It appears that the Hon'ble Minister is ignorant of the various Sections of the Bombay Municipal Act which give the Municipal Commissioner ample powers to call upon the landlords to carry out necessary repairs to their premises without undue delay. That being so, I fail to understand why Government should have put in the Bill a clause to the effect that only such landlords who will carry out necessary repairs to their premises will be allowed to increase rents by 10 per cent. over the Standard Rent.

To my mind the increase proposed to be given is very meagre having regard to the high cost of materials and labour at present prevailing. I believe it is the liability of Government to see that building materials of all sorts, in sufficient quantities and at controlled rates are available to the landlords.

A large section of landlords in the city are poor, illiterate widows or persons who do not know how to keep regular accounts of their properties. It will be difficult for such landlords to maintain their accounts and to have the same audited. My fears are that such allocations will lead to litigations between the landlords and the tenants when the latter are adamant to pay any increase.

As regards the provision in the Bill to recover rent according to the English Calendar, etc., I suggest that there should be a distinct provision in the Bill that such of the landlords who recover rent according to the lunar month or otherwise should be allowed extra increase of 3 per cent. over the 10 per cent. increase in view of the loss of 10 days per annum that would be suffered by them by the change of calandar. I do not think, that the Government of India Act of 1935, empowers the Provincial Governments to impose any condition upon the landlords and such restrictions as regards reserving a certaain amount of the increase for repairs to keep the property in a state of repairs, etc. and still if the Bill is enacted into law, it may create greater complications. I therefore suggest that the different clauses of the Bill may be once again properly scrutinised by Government to see that while they desire to give relief to the landlords they do not impose unnecessary restrictions on them nor do they quality the relief proposed to be given to the landlords in such a manner as to nullify its effect.

Greater Bombay Consumers' Co-op. Society

Messrs K. B. Joshi, Solicitor, V. R. Khatkhate, President, Government Grain Shop Employees Assn., R S Nimbkar, Labour leader, D. N. Naik, Presdent, Rationing Staff Union, G. L. Date, B. R. Rane, J. J. Limaye, N. H. Giradkar, Gen. Secretary, The Government Staff Federation, and Prof. M. L. Dantwalla, Economist, have issued a statement stating 'inter alia'. "It is in the best interest of the consumers to come together and organise themselves into a powerful body "The Greater Bombay Consumers' Co-operative Society". The Government Grain Shop Employees Association has given a bold lead in the matter by moving the Government. The Association is prepared to co-operate with the consumers by supplying experienced talent and some money to organise this big popular venture. We therefore appeal to the citizens to co-operate with us by purchasing shares of "The Greater Bombay Consumers' Co-operative Society" to raise the necessary capital and eradicate the evil of profiteering in commodities essential for life, and thus save their own interest through their own management."

ABIDALI CAUTIONS 'FIGHTING' WORKERS

They Must Not Forget Their Responsibilities To The Public

BOMBAY, Sunday.

Workers' unions in India should be run on strong and efficient lines and while fighting for the rights and privileges of workers, they should not forget their responsibilities to the public, said Mr. Abidali Jafferbhoy, Labour Leader, speaking at a reception meeting held in his honour at the Sunderbai Hall this evening.

Alluding to what he saw during his recent tour of America and England, Mr. Jafferbhoy paid tribute to the organisational perfection of trade unions in those countries. He had visited more than two hundred unions and could say that the smallest union in the West had such funds to its credit that it was a comparatively easy thing to weather a storm in the event of a crisis. "If we are to make our unions financially sound, then it is upto the worker to decide why he should not pay enhanced membership fees in the future," he said.

Mr. Jafferbhoy appealed to the workers to eschew communalism. Theirs was purely an economic problem and the rights and privileges for which they were fighting were intended to benefit everyone irrespective of creed or caste. He was glad that, by and large, workers in Bombay had kept themselves aloof from the communal disturbances in the city.

Mr. Jafferbhoy deprecated the idea of fire-brigade and hospital workers resorting to strike, which would hit the common people hard. At the same time, he hoped that justice would be done to them speedily and appealed to the authorities to tackle the questions raised by the fire-brigade and hospital workers on a fair basis.

COMMISSION ON WORLD FOOD PROBLEMS

Prof. Vakil's Contact W.th U.S. Economists

BOMBAY, Feb. 22, (A.P.I.): The F. A. O. Preparatory Commission on World Food Problems had taken only the first step in the right direction and the success of the compromise scheme evolved by it would really depend on the way the countries in question worked it, said Prof. C. N. Vakil Director of the University School of economics and Socialogy, Bombay, who worked on the Commission as a member of The Indian delegation. Mr. Vakil returned to Bombay yesterday.

At the instance of the Bombay University, Prof. Vakil visited ten leading American Unversites to familiarise himself with the teaching of advanced economics and research, he also visited the National Bureau of Economic Research and also economic research sections in the various departments of the U. S. Government in Washington.

Prof. Vakil thought that his contact with leading economists in the States would aid the progress of the Bombay School of Economics.

Mysore Govt. Orders Forfeiture Of "Al Islam"

BANGALORE, Feb. 22, (A.P.I.): The Government of Mysore have declared every copy of the Urdu Monthly "Al Islam" of the month of Jan. 1947 to be forfeited to the Government as a poem under the caption "The Bloodshed of Bihar" is published therein and as it contains passages of a nature tending to promote feeling of enmity or hatred between different classes of the subjects of His Highness the Maharaja.

RAILWAY PASSENGERS' GRIEVANCES

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Mr. Popatlal Shah Banasawala of Nagpur, who has long been championing the cause of the Indian travelling public has addressed a comprehensive communication to the Transport Member to the Government of India as also to prominent members of the Central Assembly setting forth the grievances and immediate requirements of the travelling public. He has particularly requested them to see that the third and inter class fares are not enhanced in view of the growing miseries of the people and that the travelling public is provided with necessary amenities in railway trains.

Among his other suggestions are the following:

Special trains of soldiers should be stopped.

Passengers should be allowed to occupy third class carriages attached to the parcel trains.

The running speed of trains should be increased, while stoppages on different stations should be curtailed.

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ALL-INDIA WEATHER

POONA, Feb. 23.

Following is the daily weather chart, showing the maximum and minimum temperatures and rainfall in inches during the past 24 hours from 1st November 1946 and departure from normal recorded at eight hrs. I. S. T. on 23rd Feb. 1947

Ahmedabad 95 67 0 1.1 plus 0.8 Allahabad 86 59 0 2.1 0 Bangalore 85 63 0 8.6 plus 5.1 Baroda 98 59 0 1.1 nil Belgaum 91 61 0 6.3 plus 4.2 BOMBAY 87 71 0 7.1 plus 6.3 Calcutta 86 54 0 02.5 plus 0.1 Colombo 92 75 0 39.4 plus 13.5 Cuttack 88 64 0 7.5 plus 4.6 Darjeeling 61 43 0 1.2 minus 1.4 Debra Dun 77 52 T 4.2 minus 1.7 Delhi 84 49 0 0.7 minus 1.5 Hyderabad (Dn.) 93 70 0 3.4 plus 1.4 Karachi 82 61 0 0.1 minus 1.1 Lahore 71 50 T 1.5 minus 1.0 Lucknow 86 53 0 2.1 plus 0.2 Madras 85 71 0 56.5 plus 35.3 Mahableshwar 86 62 0 11.7 plus 0.6 Mysore 88 68 0 10.4 plus 6.9 Nagpur 87 66 0 10.8 plus 8.7 Ootacamund 70 47 0 18.1 plus 8.5 Pachmarhi 79 56 0 14.6 plus 14.2 Patna 84 64 0 1.0 minus 0.9 Peshawar 69 46 0 3.8 plus 0.1 Poona 95 64 0 6.5 plus 5.1 Rajkot 93 61 0 1.1 plus 0.7 Shillong 65 44 0 0.8 minus 2.5 Sholapur 95 72 0 2.5 plus 0.5 Simla 57 36 0.1 4.7 minus 2.1 Srinagar 43 33 0.3 8.1 plus 0.9 Surat 97 67 0 7.5 plus 6.9.

A THOUGHT FOR THE DAY

Don't let us make imaginary evils when we have so many real ones to encounter.

—Goldsmith.

The Bombay Chronicle

APPEAL FOR UNITY

Mr. Attlee's statement on India has been received in the country with satisfaction, though not entirely without some doubts and misgivings about its implications. The satisfaction is doubtless due to the assurance that the British will withdraw from India by June 1948. No self-respecting Indian can fail to welcome such an assurance so far as it goes. It establishes the bona fides of the British Cabinet and gives the hope that the uncertain parts in the statement will not be interpreted and implemented against the interests of India. Pandit Jawaharlal Nehru, who is fully conscious of these uncertain parts, frankly concedes that the British decision is "a wise and courageous one" and "not only removes all misconception and suspicion but also brings reality and a certain dynamic quality to the present situation in India." That praise is significant, coming from one who may be expected to know more of the statement and its attending circumstances than the common people do. And it may also be expected that he fairly represents the views of at least the Congress section in the Interim Government.

However, while giving due praise to the decision to transfer power by a particular date, the people cannot afford to ignore the uncertainties therein regarding the possible distribution of power and certain omissions, apparently deliberate, about the interim period. Many are intrigued by the sentence that in the absence of an agreed constitution the British Government "will have to consider to whom the powers of the Central Government in British India should be handed over, on due date, whether as a whole to some form of Central Government for British India, or in some areas to the existing provincial Governments, or in such other way as may seem most reasonable and in the best interests of the Indian people." The possibility here revealed of divided sovereignty even in what is now British India, is calculated, as Sir Chimanlal Setalvad points out, "to encourage the Muslim League in persisting to boycott the Constituent Assembly." And if consequently there should be divided sovereignty it may worsen the attitude of several States, which is already very uncertain. It should also be noted that the statement is studiously silent about the Interim Government and the British Government's attitude towards the Constituent Assembly as it is. But it may be presumed that in view of certain independence in the very near future both these bodies will now function as sovereign bodies to a much larger extent than was possible so far. Pandit Nehru attaches special importance to the assurance that, though the complete transfer of power may take many months, "preparatory measures must be put in hand at once." And he rightly holds that "only thus can we secure a rapid and effective transference of power within this period." These preparatory measures and the various uncertain points mentioned above may be expected to be clarified by the forthcoming debate in the Parliament and by the policy that will be followed by the new and last Viceroy, who is especially entrusted with the task of making the transfer of power as smooth and effective as possible.

Meanwhile everything depends upon the measure of unity and representative character the Constituent Assembly will command. Pandit Nehru well observes: "The work of the Constituent Assembly must now be carried on with greater speed so that the new and independent India may take share and be clothed with a constitution worthy of her and bringing relief and opportunity to all her children. In this great work we invite afresh all those who have kept aloof, and we ask all to be partners in this joint and historic undertaking, casting aside fear and suspicion, which ill become a great people on the eve of freedom." Let us hope the League will worthily respond to this fresh appeal for co-operation. Preliminary negotiations to this end may well be initiated by the Congress at once.

On The Coal Front

The coal crisis in England, with unprecedented black-out of life and unparalleled dislocation of industry, should be a pointer to our country, where coal shortage is assuming menacing proportions. Inadequacy of man-power in the pits is as pronounced here as in England and has considerably crippled increase in production. It will be recalled that the Indian Government defied the Geneva Convention and employed women underground to prop up its war efforts. With the release of women from underground labour, shortage of personnel has been intensified and there is a gap of four million tons between demand and supply of coal. Added to this is labour discontent in Jharia and other mining areas, with an epidemic of strikes and a crop of arrests of Labour leaders. Announcing the need for a committee to settle reasonable rates of wages for different categories of workers in the coal industry, Mr. Jagjiwan Ram admitted in the Central Assembly that the Labour situation in the collieries had deteriorated. A thorough overhaul of the wage scale is immediately called for to provide an efficient and sufficient Labour corps to accelerate the Government target of increasing production by 50 per cent in the next ten years from the present raising of 30 million tons a year. Also long-range measures for safety in mines and social security have to be undertaken to attract the right type of labour and make it stay in the industry, thus enabling the building up of a force of sturdy miners to man it.

There are many cob-webs that clog the wheel of the coal industry which have to be cleared, if the National Government's production drive for more coal is to be effective. Time factor is a vital element in speeding up the essential reforms, for coal is the king of industries, supplying power to other major industries, electric plant and the entire transport system of railways and steamships. All our dreams of industrialisation and National Planning will not be worth the blue print if coal production does not keep pace with industries. Wasteful exploitation methods in mines, obsolete machinery, use of open furnaces instead of modern coke plants and get-rich-quick mania of the capitalists are frittering away valuable coal power, the conservation of which will be as good as increased production. India ranks next to Britain in the volume of coal output, but her mineral resources in high-grade metallurgical coal are restricted and have to be used sparingly even for major key industries. Our iron industry has grown with such speed and in such volume that India is now one of the largest producer of iron ore and the expansion of iron and steel industry, with which is interlinked our problem of defence and industrialisation, is not possible without a particular class and quality of coal. According to Mahindra Committee, our annual production of metallurgical coal is about 13 million tons of which only four millions are actually used for strictly metallurgical purposes. This means that more than two-thirds of the total output of metallurgical coal is indiscriminately used which in other countries will be regarded as a national crime. The Committee has urged the increasing use of substitute fuels and hydro-electricity to conserve coal resources for essential requirements. The railways are the largest single user of coal to the tune of 10 million tons a year, and we are glad that, under the regime of the National Government, the railway administration has begun to act quickly in implementing the Mahindra Committee's recommendations. Dr. Matthai is to be congratulated on the coal economy campaign on the railways. In the course of his budget speech, he announced the increasing use of oil and alternative fuels as a temporary measure for the railways. As for long-term policy, he contemplates electrification, introduction of lighter rolling stock and the development of diesel, electric and other forms of traction. In one respect, coal presents a 'constituent' problem, in the sense that its conversion into electricity harnesses more of its latent power for transport and industry. Apart from fuel power, coal also yields valuable by-products like synthetic oil, tar, dyes and fertilisers which will revolutionise chemical industry in the country.

Apart from the 'constituent' problem, coal also raises a constitutional problem. It is not strictly a Central subject and enjoys full provincial autonomy. The provinces are jealous of their rights, though they will be ready to co-operate with the Centre in large-scale national policy and programme. The Mahindra Committee has recommended the nationalisation of the coal industry by the State acquisition of mineral rights from private ownership in the Permanently Settled areas of Bengal. This is absolutely necessary to arrest the haphazard and erratic development of the industry and to clear the way for purposeful and scientific National Planning. In view of the complicated issues, constitutional and proprietory, the question of nationalisation will naturally take time for decision. But the National Government must stop the rot in the coal industry by rationalising production and consumption and by conserving supplies. In this, we owe a duty to posterity which will curse us, if we behave as prodigals.

Frankly Speaking

Unfair Treatment

The Big Four have not been courteous, indeed, fair to their colleague, China. We cannot see why they should have committed the mistake of omitting to invite China to their forthcoming conference at Moscow. For, China is one of the Big Five, equal in status, rights and privileges to the other Four. It was, of course, decided long ago that China would not be included in conferences for discussion of peace treaties with Germany and Austria. But would it be worth while for the leaders of the world to assemble in Moscow and strictly confine themselves to Germany and Austria? The United States, Great Britain and France have made amends by promising China that, at Moscow they will discuss only Germany and Austria. Is this because the Soviet Union, whose dislike for the present Chinese Government, is well known, would not have, agreed to let China be invited? Whatever the reason, the absence of China from the Moscow Conference would be unfortunate. Germany and Austria are not the only problems. There are so many troubles and conflicts in the rest of the world—particularly among the Big Powers themselves—which threaten international peace, progress and understanding and need to be urgently tackled. But they cannot be tackled, and quite justly too, with China excluded from the conference.

The Subtle Danger

As Mr. Bevin said in his Commons statement, there is no point of contact between the claims and stand of the Palestine Arabs and those of the Jews. The country is Arab, according to any principle, which is not deliberately unjust and cynical. It, therefore, belongs to its Arab inhabitants and not to foreigners. It was only natural and quite reasonable that the Arab Delegation to the Palestine Conference should demand complete and immediate independence of Palestine and should categorically reject Jewish claims, upon which there can be no compromise. The Jewish Agency, on the other hand, has re-emphasised its demands which amount to the conversion of that Arab land into a Jewish state and country for the benefit of aliens who do not belong to it. The danger lies, not in the possibility of the immediate acceptance of Jewish demands, but in the attempt to justify to the world the reasonableness of the partition plan as a compromise, a compromise, which incidentally is approved by many Zionists and by Washington. Strong and concerted efforts will be made to obscure the fundamental issue, which is that foreign Jews have no rights in the Arab land and to stampede UNO into approving the compromise and getting that Organisation committed to the unholy principle that World Jewry is a partner in Palestine. Once all this is done, immigration and Jewry's dollars and pounds will do the rest in due course of time, that is, create a Jewish majority and turn Palestine into a Jewish State. That is the subtle danger of the "compromise" plan.

Jawaharlal's Tribute

Since Mr. Attlee's announcement there have sprung up all sorts of rumours and ingenious reports touching on Lord Wavell's attitude and on the relations between the retiring Viceroy and Pandit Jawaharlal Nehru. The whole trouble seems to have arisen out of Mr. Churchill's irresponsible proclivities for exaggerated and lurid expressions. He used the word "dismissal" suggesting that Lord Wavell was punished as if he had, according to the Labour Government, committed some unpardonable offence. One correspondent now actually attributes to Lord Wavell the unpardonable offence of having been in political communication with Mr. Churchill over the head of the British Cabinet. This cannot be accepted unless there is definite and conclusive proof. On the face of it the allegation appears ridiculous. What can reasonably be regarded as having happened is that in his effort to bring the two parties together and inspired by that desire, the Viceroy lost his sense of impartiality—hence the difference with Pandit Jawaharlal Nehru and his colleagues which have been well known for some time—committed mistakes and became too much entangled in those mistakes, rendering necessary a change. That is all. And we are very glad that, in fairness to both himself and the retiring Viceroy, Pandit Jawaharlal Nehru has issued a statement pulling up those who indulge in rumours and paying a handsome tribute to the sincerity and earnestness of Lord Wavell.

The Punjab Agitation

From latest reports it appears that the Muslim League Civil Disobedience movement is likely to be called off. It is rather difficult to swallow the claim that it was altogether an altruistically democratic movement intended to strike a blow on behalf of civil liberties. The slogans so common with processionists contradict that claim. Moreover, the movement was threatening to turn into a communal affair which the Muslim League cannot afford to precipitae in provinces like the Punjab. An end to the movement was, therefore, urgently desirable and expedient. And more so after the Attlee pronouncement. Whatever the terms of compromise, we would welcome the restoration of normality in the Punjab. And it is to be hoped that the League leaders in the Frontier province too will follow suit.

Japan In Transition

New Constitution Aims To Make Country "Genuine Democracy"

WASHINGTON, Feb. 23. (Reuter): It is now upto the Japanese people to assume the responsibilities imposed upon them by their new constitution and to put its ideals into practice, General Douglas MacArthur asserts in his latest report (for November) on the occupation of Japan. Promulgation of the constitution by the Emperor on November 3 is hailed as "a milestone" in Japan's transition "to a nation ruled by modern concepts of democratic Government". But to ensure that the new basic law actually becomes a "way of life", the report declares that the Japanese Cabinet "must not allow irresponsible elements again to win influence" over the Emperor, and members of the Diet must "become a genuine Legislature who originate draft and debate fully Bills to be enacted into law and manifest eagerness and ability to exercise powers entrusted to them by the people."

PURGE OF LEADERS.

Extension of the purge of nationalistic leaders include prefectural town and village officials is described as affecting local politicians and wartime bureaucrats who "represented a major obstacle to the creation of a new peaceful democratic Japan."

Inviting comparison with the Government of England, says the report, are a bicameral legislature with the Lower House yielding larger powers than the Upper and a strong Prime Minister within the Cabinet which holds the executive power and is responsible to the Parliament.

SOVEREIGNTY SHIFTED TO PEOPLE.

With the shift of sovereignty from the Emperor to the people, "prerogatives retained by the Emperor, are even more restricted than those usually conferred upon the head of State in parliamentary Governments". Like the American constitution, the report comments that Japan's new basic law declares that fundamental human rights shall be conferred upon the people "as rights eternal and inviolate". Renunciation of war, the report says, "is a unique feature of the new constitution."

"Abolition of armed forces is also noted as "an innovation in the history of the constitution" going further than that of Switzerland which prohibits only a standing army.

Citing the disastrous weakness of the constitution of the German republic, which allowed Hitler to establish a dictatorship by granting emergency powers to the executive, the report notes that the Japanes constitution does not make the same mistake. The far-reaching budget power of the Diet is called "an important step forward in democratic process."

The constitution's Bill of Rights, the report states, frees the individual from domination by the family and from the interfering paternality of the State.

ABOLITION OF PEERAGE.

The analysis takes note of the abolition of peerage—"an almost revolutionary step in a society hitherto dominated by an aristocracy of feudal origin."

The Japanese Press supported the extension of the purge of nationalistic elements, the report says. Press sources estimated that approximately 1,000,000 persons would have to be "screened" and that almost 170,000 might be removed or barred from public office.

Press reports on November 20 and 21 said that the Emperor's popularity "was greater than ever because he had helped to democratise the country" and had mingled freely with the people during his recent prefectual visits.

Gandhiji Commends Physical Labour For Intellectuals

"It Will Serve To Improve Even The Quality Of Their Output"

AHMEDABAD, Feb. 23 (A.P.I.): Gandhiji in the "Question Box" of today's 'Harijan' answering a series of questions "why should we insist on a Rabindranath or Raman earning his bread by manual labour? Is it not sheer wastage? Why should not brain workers be considered on a par with manual workers, for both of them perform useful social work?" says, "intellectual work is important and has an undoubted place in the scheme of life. But what I insist on is the necessity of physical labour. No man, I claim, ought to be free from that obligation. It will serve to improve even the quality of his intellectual output. I venture to say that in ancient times, Brahmins worked with their body as with their mind. But even if they did not, body labour was a proved necessity at the present time. In this connection, I would prefer to the life of Tolstoy and how he made famous the theory of Bread Labour first profounded in his country by the Russian peasant, Bondaref".

Mahatma Gandhi sent the above reply from Dharmpur (Noakhali) on February 6.

IN HARIJAN HUT

Mahatma Gandhi is staying here in a partly burnt Harijan hut. Around it in the open field are pitched the tents where Mahatma Gandhi's companions and pressmen have been accommodated.

Char Krishnapur is new land which was probably part of the sea 70 years ago. It is populated by Namasudras.

It has now been finally decided that Mahatma Gandhi will stay for some time at Haimchar, the last village to be covered in the second part of his tour. He will meet there Mr. A. V. Thakkar, General Secretary of the Harijan Sevak Samiti, who has made Haimchar his Headquarters for relief and rehabilitation work among Harijans of the Char area.

It is felt that Mahatma Gandhi will also have at Haimchar other important and urgent work connected with recent political developments. He reaches the village on the 24th.

"I am the biggest achhyut and give me whatever you like from a distance" said Mahatma Gandhi feelingly to women while setting out from Kamalapur this morning on the walk to Char Krishnapur. The women, who had gathered at the front door of the house he was staying in, presented him with flowers and fruits. Mahatma Gandhi who has been pained to notice the sense of untouchability among some members of the higher castes, asked the women at this point whether they had seen any achhyut. The women did not reply, whereupon Mahatma Gandhi repeated the question and added that he was the biggest achhyut and they should give him their presents from a distance.

Why State Aid To Religious Bodies?

KAMALAPUR (Tipperah), Feb. 22 (A.P.I.): He was opposed to state aid partly or wholly to religious bodies, said Mahatma Gandhi answering a question at his prayer meeting this evening.

Gandhiji referred to the fact that he had gone to Chandpur more than once whilst India's Grand Old Son, Mr. Hardayal Nag, was alive. He was then his guest. He knew, therefore, what importance Chandpur had. He was glad that Chandpur had played its part in looking after the refugees. But Mahatma Gandhi deplored the disregard of laws of sanitation and cleanliness. If they rigidly carried out these rules, he said, they would not have to live in constant dread of plagues and other diseases which were the brood of insanitation.

He then told them that they must not harbour ill will against their Muslim neighbours. He appealed to both parties to live at peace with one another. But, he held, if Hindus alone harboured no ill will against Muslims or 'vice versa', strife would abate. If however both harboured ill will one against the other, strifes were bound to be the result. There was a powerful mantra in the upanishads that man became what he thought. How true it was found in every walk of life. Therefore beware of harbouring an evil thought he said.

Inter-Religious Marriages Welcome

Mahatma Gandhi then came to the two questions before him. The first was: You advocate intercaste marriage. Do you also favour marriage between Indians professing different religions? Should they declare themselves as belong to no denomination or can they continue in their old religious practices and yet intermarry? If so what form should the marriage ceremony take, is it to be a purely civil function or a religious function? Do you consider religion to be exclusively a personal matter?

In his answer, Mahatma Gandhi admitted that though he did not always hold the view, he came to the conclusion long ago that inter-religious marriage was welcome even whenever it took place. His stipulation was that such a connection should not be a product of lust. In his opinion, if it was the product of lust it was not marriage. It was illicit intercourse. Marriage, in his estimation, was a sacred institution. Hence there must be mutual friendship, either party having equal respect for the religion of the other. There was no question in this of conversion, since the marriage ceremony could be performed by priests belonging to either faith. This happy event could take place when communities shed mutual enmity and had regard for the religions of the world.

NO STATE RELIGION

Mahatma Gandhi was next asked: should religious instruction form part of the school curricula as approved by the state? Do you favour separate schools for children belonging to different denominations for facility of religious instruction? or, should religious instruction be let in the hands of private bodies?

Mahatma Gandhi replied that he did not believe in state religion, even though the whole community had one religion. State interference would probably always be unwelcome. Religion was purely a personal matter. There were in reality as many religions as minds. Each mind had a different conception of God from that of the other.

Mahatma Gandhi was also opposed to state aid partly or wholly to religious bodies. For he knew that an institution or group which did not manage to finance its own religious teaching, was a stranger to true religion. This did not mean that State schools would not give ethical teachings. Fundamental ethics were common to all religions, he said.

Abdul Ghaffar Khan At *Rehabilitation Work*

CHAPRA, Feb. 23 (U.P.I.): Khan Abdul Gaffar Khan arrived here yesterday evening from Patna when he was given a tremendous ovation at the railway station by the public. Congressmen headed by Mr. Girish Tewari, M.L.A. Mr. Kumar Pasupati and local officials welcomed him.

Immediately after his arrival, he took up the task of removing debris from the mosque and maktab attached thereto.

While clearing the debris, one cobra crawled over his hand and passed off calmly without harming the Frontier leader.

On his way back he addressed a gathering asked the people to assist him in the rehabilitation work. He returned to Chapra and held a meeting with the workers. He will proceed again to Palgampur tomorrow morning.

Atomic Powered Aircraft

N.E.P.A. Project Headed By Major-General Lemay

NEW YORK, February 23. (A.P.A.): First attempts in the United States and probably in the world to use atomic energy to propel aircraft were made last July and are now well under way, the "New York Times" said today.

Work is being carried out by the NEPA project (Nuclear Energy for the Propulsi of Aircraft) and is a combined effort by the Federal Government and the National Advisory Committee on Aeronautics, the Army Air Forces and a number of private firms, the paper reported.

That the first atomic powered aircraft will be a piloted plane is considered a certainty by those who understand atomic energy.

The paper continued: "To shield the pilot from deadly radiation would require a weight that would make the plane of little use. It is thought that the vast power might best be used in guided missiles or in drones that could be guided by a mother plane."

The speed of atomic aircraft, the paper asserted, would be limitted only by the strength of materials used in the plane or the missile, since one kilogram (about two pounds) of plutonium or uranium 235 potentially could generate 30,000,000 horse power.

The NEPA project is said to be headed by Major-General Curtis Lemay, Deputy Chief of the Air Staff for research and development.

NEHRU'S RESPONSE TO SUSANG CALL

Govt. Of India Inquiring Into Alleged Military Operations

CALCUTTA, February 23. (A.P.A.): The Government of India is making inquiries into what is familiarly known here as "Susang area military operations", according to a telegram from Pandit Jawaharlal Nehru, Vice-President of the Indian Interim Government, to Mr. Somnath Lahiri, the only Communist member of the Constituent Assembly and of the Bengal Assembly.

Pandit Nehru's reply was in regard to a telegraphic representation made by Mr. Lahiri, simultaneously, to Mahatma Gandhi, Pandit Nehru, Sardar Patle and Mr. M. A. Jinnah.

Mr. Lahiri in his telegram alledged that men of the Eastern Frontier Rifles "have been razing to the ground villages under Susang and four other police stations in the northern section of Mymensingh District."

Mr. Lahiri's wire added that "housesteads have been burnt and destroyed, foodstuffs looted, machine-guns, aeroplanes and tommy-guns brought in, many men and women killed, wounded unattended and people starving."

The area referred to in Mr. Lahiri's wire is a partially excluded area down the Garoo Hills in Mymensingh District of East Bengal and peopled by tribal and semi-tribal people, administered by the Provincial Governor "in his discretion".

There has been agitation for the past many years against what is known as the Tanka System—revenue collection in kind—and the pleasants are now demanding that the revenue be collected in cash.

As the tempo of agitation grew, Lahiri charged, "the landlords resisted and it finally led to large scale military operations against peasants since February 2."

I. N. A. OFFICERS AND CONGRESS

Shah Nawaz Gives Counsel Of Patience

PATNA, Feb. 22. (A.P.I.): Replying to the points raised in the recent appeal of General Mohan Singh of the I.N.A. asking I.N.A. men to join the Indian National Congress, Major General Shah Nawaz in a statement, said that any isolated action by individual I.N.A. officers, however great and sincere, would only cause disruption and weakness in the ranks of the I.N.A. and he would, therefore, request all I.N.A. officers and men to stand solidly together and await the call which is likely to come in the near future of the Advisory Committee of the I.N.A.

He said "while agreeing with general Mohan Singh over the moral responsibility of the I.N.A. to fulfil the task undertaken by our beloved and great Netaji, I wish to remind all our comrades that we are not unmindful of the great responsibility that rests on our shoulders and to find out ways and means for the fulfilment of our ultimate aims. An Executive Committee of selected I.N.A. officers including Major-General A. C. Chatterjee, Col. Habibur Rahman, Col. Gulzara Singh and Sri Anand Mohan Roy has been formed and will be meeting in Delhi very shortly to prepare the future programme and policy of the I.N.A. When the plan is ready a representative meeting of the properly selected officers of the I.N.A. from all parts of India will be held and the plan would be placed before them for their approval.

Menon Will Fly To China On Friday

NEW DELHI, Feb. 23. A.P.I. Mr. K. P. S. Menon, India's Ambassador-Designate to China, who was due to leave tomorrow, has deferred his departure. He will leave Willingdon Airport by special plane at eight A.M. on Friday Feb. 28.

TETE-A-TETE

WITHOUT COMMENT—

The Jewish Agency's reply, which was presented to the British Government on February 13, said that the British proposals on Palestine were incompatible with "three basic purposes of the Mandate: immigration, land settlement and ultimate statehood".

—Reuter.

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To a New Delhi League spokesman, a press report attributes the remark that in the context of past changes, the latest commitments by H.M.G. "may also be subject to alteration should Britain find the situation not to her liking."

That certainly is a view worth considering and taking into account.

The spokesman is quite right "You never can tell" is a favourite proverb of the British.

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Welcoming H.M.G.'s latest decision, His Highness of Bhopal says: "No longer now can it be said that the British desire to maintain their hold on India through adherence to the principle of "divide and rule".

Of course not. They have given clear proof now that they will 'divide and quit'. And how!

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Analysing the consequences of the withdrawal of the British army from India, the Military correspondent of the Conservative "Yorkshire Post" points out that it "would leave the north-west frontier unguarded".

Does this constitute a friendly Tory suggestion that the British Army be allowed to remain in Pakistan?

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The Right Honourable R. A. Butler, Tory M.P., son of one I.C.S. Governor and nephew of another, wails thus: "Generations of patient statesmanship have striven for the unity of India and now the British Government callously announces.....even if small units and minorities are to be thrown into the maelstrom to fend for themselves".

You might feel that it is rather difficult to resolve the conflict between the two equally honourable British sentiments, namely anti-minority and anti-small unit concern for "unity of India and anti-unity of India concern for minorities and small units.

It's an error on your part. Nothing is really simpler. You see, the entire difficulty arises out of the British quitting India. They should remain and all will be well.

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According to our New Delhi correspondent, it has been decided to convert the present External Affairs and Commonwealth Departments into India's Foreign Office which will control both the Diplomatic and Trade Commissionerships abroad.

But this is nonsense and outrageous. How can it possibly be?

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Karachi report: The inter-Provincial dispute between the Punjab and Sind over the distribution of the Indus water has been referred to the Secretary of State for India for final award.

What? Secretary of State? We should have thought that Mr. Ghulam Hussein Hidayatullah would have insisted on an award by, say, the League Council of Action.

Bad Precedent.

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NEED FOR BOLDER APPROACH TO DIVORCE PROBLEM

—Headline.

Sure. Oh, sure.

HYDERABAD AFFAIRS

Split In Congress?

(From Our Special Correspondent)

HYDERABAD, Feb. 16.

Ever since the release of the State Congress leaders, and the removal of ban from the State Congress last year, the pilots have taken the organisation into the morass of inactivity with occasional visits to Delhi, of course, for consultation and advice with the Congress leaders. Then came the new reforms announced by the Hyderabad State, towards which the State Congress took an attitude of total rejection and absolute non co-operation.

The Hyderabad State has been having, of late, a number of prominent League and Congress Socialist leaders, and the policies of both the mass organisations (Ittahadul Muslimin and the State Congress) are said to have been influenced to a great degree by the speeches and advices of the visitors. In so far as the position of the State Congress is concerned, it has deeply been infected by the visit of Mr. Asok Mehta, later on supplimented by the extensive tours and lengthy speeches of Mrs. Aruna Asaf Ali, who is responsible for giving a tremendous fillip to its activities. The present position is that the State Congress is confronted with a possible split. The recent resignation of some seven members from the Working Committee of the Hyderabad State Congress indicates that all is not well with the State Congress. It is further said that the State Congress has been definitely divided into two camps and no last minute patch up work can now succeed in saving the situation. The minority faction is still faithful to the National Congress, while the other has joined the camp of the Congress Socialists, but does not consider it expedient under the present circumstances, to declare so openly. The latter mostly comprises Maharashtra members under the leadership of Swami Ramanand Tirath himself, who is the present president of the State Congress. It may be recalled that Mr. Achut Patwardhan's resignation from the Working Committee of the Indian National Congress earlier, to be able to devote more time to Congress Socialist work along with the visit of Mr. Asok Mehta and Aruna Devi to Hyderabad are beginning to bear fruits. If the rumours of the split turn out to be true, then the problem before the State Congress would be to determine its allegiance between the orthodox Gandhian school and that of the Socialist Jaya Prakash Narain. Last minute frantic efforts are being made by the leaders of both factions to canvas for support and the future will only show as to which of the two emerges successful out of the ordeal.

CHIEF SECRETARY ACCUSES BENGAL PREMIER

Revealing Evidence Before Calcutta Riot Inquiry Commission

CALCUTTA, Feb. 23 (A.P.I.): Records of the proceedings of the Calcutta Disturbances Commission of Inquiry, held 'in camera' in November and the first part of January last, have now been released for publication.

The Bengal Government, in a Note submitted to the Commission, said that, on the information available to them, they did not believe that either community deliberately planned to begin the outbreak on Direct Action Day,—August 16.

"The celebration of Direct Action Day was the occasion for the outbreak of long pent-up antagonisms, but, though the later discovery of convenient caches of bricks and soda water bottles leaves little doubt that sections of both communities foresaw and made preparations against trouble, the considered opinion of Government is that neither party planned to start the rioting."

The Government added: "The causes of the outbreak have to be sought in the steadily worsening relations between the two communities.

The nearer the day of handing over Power draws, the more acute becomes the divergence of interests between the two communities and the fiercer the struggle for position.

Direct Action Day was a demonstration on an All-India scale in support of the League's demand for Pakistan, a demand which is a red rag both to the Hindu Mahasabha and to Congress.

The one-day general strike on July 29 had set a new and very high standard for hartals in Calcutta, and the Muslim League hoped to make their Day a success by the latest standards. The Congress, the Hindu Mahasabha and the entire nationalist press, already resentful of the Ministry's declaration of a public holiday on this, were equally determined that the hartal declared by the Muslim League should not be a success.

I.N.A. DAY AND AFTER

Dealing with what they described as the undermining of authority the Bengal Government said that in India, the history of the months following the end of World War Two was of one appeasement after another. The November 1945 disturbances in connection with the I.N.A. Day marked the beginning of a series of deliberate large-scale floutings of authority in Calcutta. Indiscipline in the city reached the peak of lawlessness on July 29, 1946 when the postal strikers and their sympathisers under the direction of the Strike Committee completely paralysed the life of the city and, seemingly at least, were masters of the city

This was the atmosphere prevailing in the city before August 16, 1946.

SURPRISE FOR ALL

The Government added that it was difficult to say to what extent this contempt for authority contributed to the explosion that took place on August 16. The tension between the two communities had reached the breaking point, and in the absence of a healthy respect for authority there was every danger that the celebration of the League-sponsored hartal in support of Pakistan would result in a clash. Precautions to minimise the risk of clashes and to control them, if they could not be prevented, were taken.

What was not foreseen and what took everybody by surprise, including the participants, was the intensity of the hatred let loose and the savagery with which both sides killed.

CHIEF SECRETARY SPEAKS OUT.

The Chief Secretary to the Government of Bengal, Mr. R. L. Walker, in cross-examination by Counsel for the Congress as to when first he apprehended that all was not going to be well on August 16, said that it was ever since July 29. He should say that ever since there was a Direct Action Day declared, it was obvious that this was a danger day.

The Chief Secretary continued that he and the Commissioner of Police started with apprehensions, but the Chief Minister, Mr. H. S. Suhrawardy, largely allayed them. He was most reassuring.

In reply to a question by the President of the Commission whether he thought that the Commissioner of Police was embarrassed by the presence and the actions of the Chief Minister in the Control Room at Police Headquarters, the Chief Secretary said: "I think it was on Sunday (August 18) at Government House that I made a request in front of His Excellency that the Honourable the Chief Minister should no longer remain in the Control Room, because his presence attracted all sorts of persons to Lal Bazar and a large number to the Control Room itself, and I thought that the presence of these outsiders did embarrass the Commissioner of Police".

POLICE HAMPERED.

Replying to a question by counsel for the Congress, whether the activities of the Chief Minister hampered the work of the Commissioner in the discharge of his duties in the Control Room, the Chief Secretary said: "My frank answer to that would be that after about 8 o'clock on the 16th they probably did."

In cross-examination by counsel for the Muslim League the Chief Secretary said it would be perfectly legitimate for the Minister-in-Charge of the Home Department, which included Law and Order, to go to the Control Room either to get or give information, or give his suggestion. The Chief Secretary also agreed that whenever he met Mr. Suhrawardy on August 16 or thereafter, in the Control Room or elsewhere, he found him anxious to do all he could to prevent rioting or any incidents, or at any rate to minimize all chance of them.

POLICE COMMISSIONER'S EVIDENCE.

"We apprehended clashes, but we did not consider that it was going to be of that magnitude," said the Commissioner of Police, Calcutta, Mr. D. R. Hardwick, in his evidence before the Commission.

He added that the force under his disposal was insufficient to meet the trouble. He added that any force would be too small. If it is a civil war, I do not think any civil police force can be of any use.

In the course of cross-examination the Commissioner said that it was not correct that on August 16, 17 and 18 during the rioting he was being dominated by the Chief Minister.

He was under no such hallucination that the Chief Minister could give him directions and overrule his order. The Chief Minister made suggestions to him on slips of paper (13 of these were produced before the Commission). It would be incorrect to say that he told General Bucher, G.O.C., Eastern Command, that he (the Commissioner) was unable to do anything owing to constant interference and orders being passed by the Chief Minister.

IN CONTROL ROOM.

Replying to the President of the Commission as to whether the activities of the Chief Minister interfered with him in carrying out his duties, the Commissioner said: "It is to the extent that I never had any peace. I mean I had to be out, going out with his Excellency the Governor or going through areas where the military were dominating or looking round myself, and I think from my statement you will find that I had very little time to study the situation because the Chief Minister was there and at once would enter into a discussion with me as to why I cannot rescue people or put pickets—two chief things on which I usually had a lot of argument, and then a certain number of other officials of the Muslim League or Parliamentary Secretaries always came with the Chief Minister. Also, there would be noise in the Control Room, because they were frequently arguing among themselves and I could not hear exactly what I would like to hear over the telephone.

That is why I asked the Chief Minister to remove his friends. I ordered most of the people out, but I could not order out the Chief Minister as I had no right to do so."

MILITARY'S VIEW-POINT.

Brigadier T. L. Binny, Brigadier-General, Staff Headquarters, Eastern Command, produced before the Commission an Eastern Command's report on the disturbances. In the course of cross-examination he said that there was a report made to the Commander-in-Chief, which was a secret report, and it was with his permission that the present report was compiled from the one submitted to him. It contained all the facts and evidence, leaving out portions that were secret from the military point of view. The other report was in the possession of the Commission.

ABDUL GHAFFAR KHAN FOR CHAPRA

PATNA, Feb. 22 (API): Khan Abdul Ghaffar Khan left for Chapra last evening where he intends to set up a Local Committee for carrying out his scheme for resettlement of persons displaced during the riots.

He will begin with the village of Rasulpur, where during the course of his recent tour of the Saran District he observed that some people had returned to the village of their own accord and were trying to resettle themselves in ther burntout houses.

Khan Abdul Ghaffar Khan will stay in Chappra till such time that he is satisfied that the work is satisfactorily under way.

Punjab League Agitation To End?

From Our Correspondent.)

LAHORE, Feb. 22.

The 30-day old movement of Punjab Muslim League following the ban imposed on Muslim Leiague National Gaurds on 24 January, is expected to be over by tonight. Khawja Nazamuddin who came to Punjab under the instructions from Mr. Jinnah, had two successful meetings with the Punjab Governor and succeeded in bringing together the representatives of League and Punjab Government for peace talks. "Big nine" of Punjab League who have been brought to Kasur sub-jail where Provincial Chief of the Muslim League, Sardar Iftikhar Hussain and Malik Ferozekhan Noon are detained. They discussed the situation and at their request Maulana Daud Gaznavi, Acting President of the Provincial League was escorted to Kasur sub-jail to take part in the discussions.

Apart from the merits of the terms peace-offer, the Committee of Action are likely to be influenced in their final decision by both the short range and the long range implications of Mr. Attlee's latest statement on Indian question.

Mian Iftikharuddin's who has got Communistic leanging has not been brought to Kasur sub-jail because the Government thank that there can be no settlement if Mian will be present. Delay in announcing the settlement arrived in Kasur jail is due to Mian Iftikharuddin group's opposition who think the pllea is mere a pretext. League leaders are expected to be released by tomorrow morning. Attempts are being made by Maulana Daud Gaznavi who brought the instructions from Kasur sub-jail to accept the proposals for their release.

20 KILLED IN KHANPUR CLASH

BALURGHAT, Feb. 23 (A. P. I.): The dead in the clash between an armed Police Party and Communists at Khanpur on February 20 now total 20, including two women.

Fifteen persons were reported dead earlier, and subsequently five persons with bullet injuries succumbed in hospital. The clash was connected with the Tebhaga (two-thirds share) movement.

Some of the injured are still in hospital. These also include a few policemen, one of whom has sustained injury with arrows.

Reports of lotting from Saidpur and other villages on the western side of Atriyee river have been received.

Political Agent Blamed

CAWNPORE, Feb. 23 (A.P.I.): Khan Abdul Ghani Khan, M.L.A. (Central) and son of Khan Abdul Ghaffar Khan, in an interview on the stone-throwing incident during Pandit Jawaharlal Nehru's visit to the North-West Frontier Province last year, said that the whole anti-Nehru campaign in the Frontier Province was organised by Mr. Mahbub Ali, the Political Agent of Malakand.

League Processions Broken Up

PESHAWAR, February 23. (A.P.I.): "The Muslim League processions in Peshawar and Mardan today were broken up by the police without the use of force. Only in one case in Peshawar tear gas was used to disperse a crowd which had followed the League volunteers to Namak Mandi" says a communique issued tonight by the Director of Information on the situation in the Province.

An order under section 144 Cr. P. C. prohibiting public meetings and processions has been promulgated for two months within the limits of Peshawar cantonment and city.

Military is guarding the Premier's residence and has taken charge of the perimeter barbed wire gates. The military is patrolling the outskirts of Peshawar city.

Apart from the arrests already reported about 15 more Muslim Leaguers have been arrested, prominent among them being Khan Bakht Jamal Khan, ex-President of the Provincial Muslim League, Dostmohd Khan M. Kamil, pleader, Khan Mir Hilali Allabukhsh Uusfi, and Rahim Bakhsh Ghazanavi, editor of the local daily "Sarhad".

Five students of the Islamia College, including the President and the Secretary of the Frontier Muslim Students Federation, who were arrested yesterday were released this morning. The situation in Mardan is also reported to be under control. Three processions were taken out there yesterday but were dispersed by the police.

Bihar "Secret Agents" Story Contradicted

PATNA, Feb. 22, (A.P.I.): The report published in a section of the press that a Secret Committee has formed under the presidentship of a Bihar Muslim Minister to send out secretly paid agents to the refugees camp in various provinces, specially Bengal, to persuade the Bihar Muslim refugees to return to the province has been contradicted by Dr. Syed Mahmud, Minister of Development, Bihar.

SUNSHINE OVER BRITAIN

Gloomy Spell Ends: But Gas And Electric Situation Still Critical

LONDON, February 23. (Reuter): After a night of blizzards and more heavy falls of snow, large areas of Britain saw the sun today for the first time in three weeks.

London's record gloomy spell ended this morning when the Kew Weather Station recorded the first sunshine through a thin haze of cloud after 21 sunless days.

While the sun's warmth brought a gentle thaw in many paces, the air temperature remained several degrees below the freezing point (London's noon reading was 30 degrees fahrenheit) and weather experts forecast severe frost again tonight, with the danger of icing on cleared roads.

The Fuel Ministry issued a warming that there was no ground for relaxation in fuel economies and declared that the electric and gas situation is still critical.

Twenty-four hours before Midlands area returns to work after the two weeks ban on th euse of industrial electricity, the Fuel Ministry declared that the crisis restrictions may have to be extended to gas "within a day or two".

More colliers entered the Thames from north sea ports this morning and more were on way.

Overnight snowstorms again played havoc with railways. All trains from Scotland to the South were running up to three hours late. Twelve lines on the north eastern system were blocked.

Counties all round London reported many roads impassable.

Wild ponies and cattle on blizzard-swept Dartmoor have been found dead and many more are feared buried in frozen snowdrifts.

Meanwhile the battle for fuel went on. Volunteer Sunday workers kept 58 South-Wales collieries in production and railways were rushing priority coal trains over cleared lines to London and other big population centres.

Britain's Quitting Will Put More Defence Burden On U.S.

Republicans Assail Truman's Budget Estimates

LONDON, February 23, (Reuter): United States leaders are warning the public that there is danger of civil war in India and that world order may depend on policing by the United States, declares commentator Richard Strout in a message from Washington in today's independent "Sunday Times".

Strout, a "Sunday Times" representative, in discussing the position of the United States in relation to world events says: "America is beset from two sides as the momentous Moscow Conference approaches—United States-Soviet relations are worsening, while America's anxiety about Britain is deepening.

Strout says: World events are thrusting responsibility on a reluctant America. After a centuring of enjoying the twin benefits of British world power with the need to maintain only a small army at home and simultaneously having an unfettered right to criticise, the United States now watches current British developments with mixed feelings and some foreboding.

IN STATE DEPARTMENT

Mr. Attlee's announcement on India this week has created a profound impression. Superficially, one hears satisfaction over the declaration, but it is mingled with wonder and certain sobering anxiety is evident at the State Department. This fits in with the feeling that hard-pressed and tight-lipped Britain is otherwise lightening her international commitments. It fits similarly into the apprehension over the domestic British situation reversed by the fuel shortage. For a century, the British rule in India has been stereotyped in American thinking as an "alien exploitation" second only to the vexed Irish question. But now Eire is so free that she did not even fight beside the Americans against Hitler. And a deadline is set for the withdrawal from India.

Few Englishmen can appreciate the gaps this leaves in the average untutored Americans previous conception of the outside world.

FEAR OF RUSSIA

While leaders here are warning the public that there is some danger of civil war in India, that the world order hereafter may depend on the United States policing and that a power vacuum may be developing, relations with the Soviet Union have been growing increasingly unsatisfactory. An extraordinary change has occurred in the post-war sentiment here toward Russia dating from the San Francisco Conference and the Polish crisis.

It was at that point that the average well-meaning American discovered how difficult it is to have a platonic love affair with the Russians. He had assumed until then that the two ideologies, while different, could get along together. To-day a hopeless feeling is spreading that the best that can be hoped, for a while anyway, is an armed truce.

U. S. BUDGET FIGHT

This brings up the acute question of America's next year's budget. For 15 years the Republicans have assailed the Roosevelt administration, with "extravagance" and now they have fallen upon President Truman's first financial estimates like wolves.

But it is being discovered that half the proposed budget represents military and veterans' costs.

Here again the conflict is soul-searching and reorganisations are occurring. In the biggest budget debate of this country, desires for tax and budget reductions are clashing with the equally strong national desire to preserve adequate national defence.

America is experiencing her first big post-war discovery of probable discomforts of her new international responsibilities.

I. L. P. WELCOMES IT

LONDON, Feb. 23. (Reuter): A statement issued to-day by the National Council of the Independent Labour Party, congratulating the Prime Minister and the Government on fixing a definite date for the evacuation of India by Britain, said "this historic decision was the first need in securing a settlement. It should create for the first time in India confidence that the Government has a sincere desire that India shall achieve its independence."

In its approach to India, the Government had encountered hostility, and suspicion caused by generations of violent suppression and dishonest diplomacy. The declaration that Britain intended to withdraw by a definite date was the only hope of breaking these down and leaving the way clear for the Indian parties to solve their own problems, it said.

NEHRU'S STATEMENT

LONDON, Feb. 23. (Reuter): While it came too late for comment, Pandit Nehru's welcome of the British decision to hand over power in India next year was prominently played in London's Sunday newspapers to-day.

Most of the papers used a "Reuter" report, Lord Beaverbrook's "Sunday Express" carrying a story under a three-column wide headline: "Britain's Pledge Challenges India, Declares Nehru. Leader Hails Wavell As Man Who Carried Burden".

In similar vein "The Observer" headline said: "Nehru: 'Courageous Decision.Challenge must be met.'"

"CHINA PRESS" COMMENTS

SHANGHAI, Feb. 23. (Reuter): The independent Chinese-owned "China Press" said to-day that Prime Minister Clement Attlee "answered the great crisis with great courage and foresight" in his statement on India last week.

"If he has brought civil war in India nearer, so too has he brought nearer the hope of final independence to onefifth of mankind, the paper declared. "There is danger in everything that brings India nearer her final goal. Yet she cannot halt. To retreat now would be even more dangerous than to advance with the full knowledge that a civil war may lie ahead."

REPLACEMENT OF WAVELL

LONDON, Feb. 23. (Reuter): "Sunday Dispatch" diplomatic correspondent, commenting on the replacement of Lord Wavell, says that he "felt strongly that the British should not announce a 'deadline' date for leaving India irrespective of the prospects of the Hindus and the Muslims reaching agreement".

The correspondent adds: "Russia may be expected to take considerable interests in plans which Pandit Nehru is known to have for the creation of some kind of League of Oriental Nations."

DON'T GET TIED UP WITH BIG THREE

Upper Chamber's Advice To Dutch Govt.

THE HAGUE, Feb. 23 (Reuter): Members of the Dutch Upper Chamber have urged the Netherlands Government to keep their hands free in international politics and not to tie themselves to any of the "Big Three" powers "unless interests of this State coincided with Holland's to such a degree that the risk attached to incurring the disfavour of one of the others could be accepted".

The members gave their views in a memorandum issued yesterday on the 1947 budget of the Foreign Ministry.

Some members also urged an independent policy towards the Netherland East Indies "particularly in the light of Holland's experiences when the Netherlands East Indies was occupied by British troops", and asked whether the British Government intended to place British North Borneo "under the protection of the United States of Indonesia".

POSER TO BRITAIN

They asked whether "British intervention in the Netherlands Indies took place at the request of the Dutch Government" and "whether it was true that Lord Killeran (British Special Commissioner in South-East Asia) had come with proposals to include the (Dutch) islands of Bangka and Billiton and the Riouw Archpelago in the Indonesian Republic, although the Republic had not requested this".

Shadow Cabinet To Guide Sind Govt.

KARACHI, Feb. 23 (A.P.I.): To take active part in framing the future policy and programme of the Muslim League Ministry in Sind, the Council of the Sind Provincial Muslim League at its meeting today nominated three of its members on the Consultative Committee of five members formed at the Assembly League Party last week. This committee which will act as super-cabinet has been set up in accordance with the advice of Mr. Jinnah. It will consider all legislative and other measures coming up before the Ministry and see that the eight-point programme framed by Mr. Jinnah is carried out by the Ministry.

The Council of the Sind Muslim League also appointed a Parliamentary Board of five members.

Mr. M. A. Jinnah addressed the meeting.

JINNAH PRESENTS RS. 5,000 FOR BIHAR REFUGEES

KARACHI, Feb. 23 (A.P.I.): "The Muslim League will not yield an inch in their demand for Pakistan" declared Mr. M. A. Jinnah, President of the All-India Muslim League, addressing a group of Bihar Mussalmans in their refugee camp which he visited this evening.

Mr. Jinnah addressed the Biharis for a few minutes and then spent about half an hour in their camps talking to a number of them, he enquired into the arrangements made for their stay here and assured them of every help in money, food, cloth and medical aids that he and the Muslim India could possibly provide.

Mr. Jinnah presented Rs. 5,000 for the relief of Bihar Mussalmans.

Suhrawardy On H. M. G.'s Statement

PATNA, Feb. 21 (Delayed), (A.P.I.): Mr. H. S. Suhrawardy, Prime Minister of Bengal, addressing a large gathering of Muslims organised by the Muslim Students' Federation this evening referred

Referring to the British Cabinet statement, Mr. Suhrawardy said that the British had announced their intention of relinquishing all power by June 1948. They may do so much earlier and that, therefore, it behoved Muslims to think very earnestly about their prospects and to plan in such a manner as to ensure their future happiness and prosperity.

He did not think it proper to make any comments on the Cabinet statement at this stage as it had to be considered carefully by the All-India Muslim League Working Committee.

Siddiqi Criticises Attlee's Statement

LONDON, Feb. 22 (Reuter): Severe criticism of the recent statement on India by the British Premier, Mr. Clement Attlee and the allegation that the Moslem League "was forced into the theory of Pakistan because of madmen of the Congress" were made today by Mr. A. R. Siddiqi, a member of the Working Committee of the All-India Muslim League, when he addressed a meeting of the members of the Muslim Students' Federation here.

Mr. Siddiqi expressed satisfaction with the intention of recalling Lord Wavell from India.

Mr. Attlee's statement was a "good deal of meaningless nonsense", Mr. Siddiqi said.

I say this because the most important point, that Britain is going to withdraw from India before June, 1948, is said with the tongue in the cheek, because it only refers to British India".

"PUPPETS" OF KING

The British Government, he continued "have made the Indian Princes puppets of the King. These Princes should be pensioned off and all their rights be given to their subjects in their respective stages. Many of the things that Mr. Attlee has not said need to be studied and understood.

"Many will say that June 30, 1948, is the day of deliverance, but I feel that it is not going to be so, because this dangerous arrangement about the Princes make me doubtful".

Root Out Weakness In Congress Organisation

Kripalani's Address To Conference Of Officials Of P. C. C.s

ALLAHABAD, February 22, (A.P.I.): A fervent appeal to root out the weaknesses that had crept into the Congress organisation was made by Acharya J. B. Kripalani, Congress President, inaugurating the three—day conference of the Presidents and Secretaries of the Provincial Congress Committees, which opened here today at Darbhanga Castle.

Acharya Kripalani advocated a thorough searching of heart in this matter. He said if weakness had crept into the organisation the fault lay with all of them, and it would serve no purpose to apportion blame to any individual man or group in the Congress.

INTERNAL PARTIES

The Congress President also referred to the existence of parties within the Congress and said that there was no harm in their existence. But the parties must owe their primary allegiance to the parent body. Apart, said Acharya Kripalani, could not be a substitute for the whole.

The Congress President concluding advised Congressmen to organise villages as self-sufficient units with leaders of locality to run its affairs.

After the inaugural address by the Congress President, the conference appointed two committees at its session to-day to go into the questions of implementing the Constructive Programme by the Congress organisation and to consider the A.I.C.C. office note on the Congress reorganisation. The Committees were asked to submit their proposals by to-morrow afternoon so that they may be taken up by the conference.

Mr. Shankarrao Deo, General Secretary of the Indian National Congress, presided over to-day's session when the Congress President retired.

WARNING TO CONGRESS MINISTRIES

BARAHTA (Monghyr), Feb. 20 (A. P. I.): "I would like both the people and the Congressmen to realise that the Congress is not greater than the country. The present eminence of the Congress or its leaders is for their service to the country," observed Acharya J. B. Kripalani, the Congress President, addressing the Monghyr District Conference held here to-day.

"I will also like to caution," said Acharya Kripalani "that the country and the Congress are not identical. This fact is in a way realised by many people. Wherever I have gone on this tour I have been told that food shortage and cloth scarcity were continuing even though Congress Governments have been established. No one said that a people's Government had been established.

"On my present tour I have only delivered the message of the Mahatma to the people. To-day I will deliver the message not only to the people but also to Congressmen and to the popular Ministers. The Ministry is not yet a people's Ministry. The Ministers are more under the influence of the members of the permanent bureaucracy of the Government than under the influence of the people. Why is it so? Because the Ministers and the members of the Indian and Provincial civil services come from the same class of people. This has been a feature of our movement. Agitators and administrators have come from the same society. The members of the permanent bureaucracy, however, have been trained and perfected in the art of serving and flattery. They can easily win over the confidence of the Ministers and in fact they have succeeded in doing so. The Ministers have to be on their guard if the nature of the administration has to be changed and they must look to the interests of the people of paramount importance.

"To Congressmen I would say their Governments have been established because of the support of the people. In fact the people are the ladder by which the Ministers and Congress leaders have travelled to their present position. I would advise them not to kick the ladder.

"Congressmen must not forget that the efficacy of the Congress movement was due to the principle of simplicity, renunciation and singlemindedness that Mahatma Gandhi taught us. As a result of the Mahatma's teachings you (Congressmen) forget your individual and family interests in your madness for freedom, now do not abandon that way of living when you can really serve the people.

"We did not want to remove the British Government to establish Congress Government in the Centre and the Provinces.

"We wanted to remove the British Government because it was an impediment in our plan for amelioration of the conditions under which the people lived. Now that the impediment has been removed we should begin our energies to that task. Unless the task is completed we cannot deviate from the way of living that the Mahatma demonstrated to us—simplicity, ascenticism, lack of motives of personal gains.

WEAPON IN PEOPLE'S HANDS

"To the people I would state that liberty has to be earned by the people. It cannot be bestowed from above. The country has to rise up from below. Each man must become an active citizen and each man must think that work for the country is his personal work. The people alone can stop bribery and corruption, because they had the terrific weapon of social boycott in their hands. They can also kill black market by the same weapon.

"A nation cannot live all the time at the barricades, now that the struggle with the British is over we have to take a step forward for managing what has been won at the barricades. That way alone can our victory be complete."

ARRESTS AT CHOWPATTY

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charges were resorted to. For full two hours slogan-shouting by the demonstrators and police attempts to clear the place continued and by 8 p.m. the last remnants were pushed into the main road, from where they branched off into the gulleys raising R.I.N. Day and anti-government cries.

In addition to the sixteen arrests on the Chowpatty sands, two former Navy men were taken into custody by the police near the Gateway Of India in the morning for shouting slogans.

Elsewhere in the city, there was no public demonstration and no incidents in connection with the First Anniversary of the R.I.N. "Mutiny" which rocked the country a year ago.

The Indian Peoples Theatre Association staged a special "ballet" this morning depicting the memorable revolt of the navy men.

The Secretary of Bolshevik Mazdoor Party writes:—

Among the 17 persons arrested at Chawpatty on Sunday evening for defying the ban served on the R.I.N. Revolt day Celebration Committee, were Tara Shah, Secretary, Bombay Committee of the Bolshevik Mazdoor Party and Chatrabhuj Ashor, member of the same party.

ONE KILLED IN PONDICHERRY

PONDICHERRY, Feb. 23. (A.P.I.): Daylight rioting here yesterday during the R.I.N. Mutiny day demonstrations ended in the death of one person and injuries to more than ten, including French India policemen.

Excepting for a few hotels and betel shops which remained open, Pondicherry was in the grip of a complete hartal. Mills had closed down. Public conveyances stopped plying. Trade Union and Students Federation took out processions marching through European and Indian residential localities carrying red flags and placards and shouting slogans.

Commotion prevailed near the Ansari Cafe on Dupleix Street. The hotel had remained open in spite of the total hartal. French India Constabulary found the situation fast getting out of hand. The firing of two shots was heard. Destruction to the hotel property was reported.

At the Odiensalai Maidan where later the demonstrators held a mass meeting, it was stated by two speakers that Rajagopal, a mill worker died as a sequel to the office firing. The meeting demanded immediate justice and deplored the attitude of the French India Government which the president said "should be supplanted.

M. Gomain, Chief Secretary to the French India Government has emphatically denied that the death of the worker occurred as a result of the police firing.

MISSING PLANE FOUND WRECKED

All Four Occupants Killed

OFFENBACH, GERMANY, Feb. 23. (A.P.A.): A missing French military transport air plane was found wrecked in a wood near here today with all four occupants dead.

The C.-47 had crashed on Friday night after becoming lost in a snow storm and running out of fuel on a routine flight from Orleans, France, to Ausberg, Germany. The plane was found after a 24-hour search guided by a group of Germans.

It was the second fatal accident involving an Allied military transport in the American occupation zone within a week. A. U. S. C-47 crashed earlier at a Munich airfield, killing one crew member.

SECRET INQUEST ON ELLEN WILKINSON?

LONDON, February 22. (U.P.A.): Britain was shaken today by sensational reports that a secret inquest would be held next Friday into the death on February 6 of Ellen Wilkinson, Minister of Education and the only woman member of the Cabinet.

The "Daily Express" said the evidence will feature a box of tablets which Miss Wilkinson obtained before entering Saint Mary's Hospital, London, where she died two days later reportedly from heart failure after a long illness from bronchitis.

The witnesses at the inquiry will include medical staff members attending Miss Wilkinson in a private ward of Saint Mary's.

A. C. BHATIA WINS ESSAY CONTEST

LAHORE, Feb. 23 (APA): The American Essay Contest prize on India's population and food position has been won by A. C. Bhatia, editorial staff member of "The Tribune" Lahore.

The prize, donated by Mr. and Mrs. William I. Bettin, Jr., of New York, aims "to cement relations between America and India".

Bhatia wrote on beggary in India, and actually went to live with beggars for several months to prepare part of his thesis.

Suhrawardy Back In Calcutta

CALCUTTA, Feb. 22 (API): Mr. H. S. Suhrawardy Premier of Bengal who had gone to Bihar to have talks with the Ministers there regarding the problem of Bihar refugees, returned to Calcutta from Patna this evening.

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ATTACHMENT OF POONA POULTRY FARM

Sequel To Civil Suit By Financiers Against Proprietor

POONA, Feb. 22, (A.P.I.): Property belonging to a local poultry and dairy farm, including 287 buffaloes, has been attached following a civil suit against the proprietor. Two receivers have been appointed by the Court to examine the accounts of the farm.

CLERK'S ADVENTURE

Resigning the post of a clerk, the proprietor set up the poultry and dairy farm two years ago on a capital raised from middle class and even poor families on the offer of a fantastic rate of interest. He is believed to have collected nearly ten lakhs of rupees.

His offer was half a seer of milk, or five eggs, per day for six months for every hundred rupees invested, and return of the investment at the end of the period. There was also the option of receiving ten annas a day as interest, which amounted to 225 per cent. One of the financiers is said to have invested Rs. 60,000 in the farm.

The proprietor's recent failure to meet his liabilities led to criminal and civil suits against him.

Forward Bloc Workers Not To Hunger Strike

BOMBAY, Saturday.

Eleven Forward Bloc workers now confined in the Worli Jail have decided not to go on hunger strike which they had planned from this evening as a protest against their being treated as C class prisoners. They have now been placed in the B class and have also taken food though from outside and would continue the jail food from tomorrow.

Railway Booking Clerks' Grievances

BOMBAY, Saturday.

Dinkerrao Desai, a Booking Clerk in the B. B. and C. I. Railway, giving evidence to-day before Mr. Justice Rajadhyaksha, Adjudicator in the Railway Dispute, state that Booking Clerks in general had continuous work during their rostered eight hours every day. A single clerk had to deal with nearly 150 stations at a time, issuing at an average ten tickets per minute.

Leave reserve was inadequate, witness further stated, adding that leave was generally granted only several days after application had been made for the same.

NO SOVIET MODEL YET FOR INDIA

Mr. V. L. Mehta, Finance Minister of Bombay, in an address on Saturday to the Pathare Prabhu Samaj Seminary on the "Economic Policy of the Congress" said that the key note of Congress policy was socialisation of all key and basic industries, and decentralisation of others. The Congress had declared time and again that wealth and economic power should not be concentrated in the hands of industrialists and landlords.

The Finance Minister said that three means to develop agriculture on modern lines were utilisation of artificial manures, tractors and development of collective farming. He himself saw no difficulty for each one of these working independently, there was no need for our country he said, to imitate the Russian model immediately.

The lead was given by the Congress under the guidance of Mahatma Gandhi. In order to develop vigorously the cottage and village industries, he said that not only orthodox economists but even modern thinkers like Dr. John Matthai had come to realise that the reconstruction of Indian economic life must be based on the revival of our cottage and village industries so that until our basic industries reached the full stage of self-sufficiency our consumer goods would be produced on an adequate scale".

NO PROSPECT OF CIVIL WAR IN BURMA

Opposition To Aung San's Anti-Fascist Party Not Very Serious

(From A Burmese Correspondent.)

RANGOON, Feb. 15.

The Burmese Delegates arrived back in Rangoon on February, 2, and the whole country awaited to hear their leaders' explanation of the new White Paper, popularly called Attlee-Aung San Agreement. At the press conference held by General Aung San immediately after his arrival, the case was explained fairly comprehensively, and the people seemed satisfied with his explanations. But that was just a preliminary to the General's address to the masses which he made from the portico of the City Hall on February 6, soon after a civic reception accorded to the returning Delegates by the Corporation of Rangoon. Gathered in front of the City Hall were thousands of Rangoon's people of all creeds and colours to hear their leader's explanation of the most significant of political documents for Burma.

"I won't beat abobut the bush; I say now plainly we haven't got freedom from the London talks. Why? Simply because we didn't ask for freedom. Why didn't we? Simply because freedom is the thing that can't be asked for. However, we have got what the AFPFL has asked for, that is, a basis for the achievement of freedom..." This was the gist of what he said on the occasion.

The Attlee-Aung San Agreement, which had at first threatened to become controversial, has, thus, received the approval of the majority of the people without much hot winds. The opposition group led by the two dissentient Delegates, Thakin Ba Sein and U. Saw, were not able, at least at that time, to organise their forces. Besides, their possible strength was not considerable, and the people at large were disposed to giving the AFPFL a chance to work the Agreement, however defective it might be.

The next move that demanded immediate action was to ascertain the wishes of the Hills peoples of Burma whether they are willing to throw in their lot with the Burmese, or whether they are willing to be under the personnel rule of the Government after Burma Proper has been granted freedom. At the Panglong Conference, held on February 8, where all the chiefs were present various resolutions were passed regarding their constitutional future, and an Agreement was signed between the Burma Executive Council and the Chiefs of the Hills peoples, by which a seat is to be allotted to the representative of the Hills peoples in the Governor's Executive Council, an Adviser and two assistants are to be appointed from amongst the representatives of the Hills people to advise the Government on Frontier Areas matters. The Agreement is a clear indication that the peoples of the Hills tracts are willing to cast their lot with their cousins in the plains. Of course, the imperialist elements of the British people will not like such an act which naturally disproves the British bureaucrats pet sayings that the hills peoples would rather stay under the British rule than under the Burmese. Some of the British papers have not been able to hide their disappointment at the undisputed unity of the peoples of Burma at least over the question of foreign domination.

Those of the British who do not wish to see a free Burma have to thank the opposition groups to the AFPFL for they can point to these groups and prove the disunity among the Burmese. Some of them are more advanturous than others for they openly and brazenly predict a civil war. A civil war in Burma is not a possibility, for the simple reason that apart from some superficial and petty causes for discord among the people, there has been no root cause to lead to a civil war. All the discord are due party manoeuvrings and personal ambition of some of the political leaders. There is one and one only aim for all the political parties in Burma, and that is, to free Burma from foreign domination. There is no religious difference and racial animosity, and there is also not much of ideological fanatism to warrant a civil war. All the new-fangled ideas, such as, Communism, Socialism, etc., (they are new-fangled at least to Burma) have not found many fanatics in the country to make any of their clashes a major event. The two dissentient delegates, Thakin Ba Sein and U. Saw, have explained to the country why they did not not consent to the signing of the Agreement between the Burmese Delegates and the British Cabinet. But their explanations did not seem to impress upon the public, although there was no violent reaction against them. Meanwhile, the Myochit Party and the Thakin Party, of which U saw and Thakin Ba Sein are respectively the bosses, have decided that these two leaders should resign from the Governor's Executive Council, and they have already tendered their resignation.

The AFPFL is now assuming the powers of the leading party in the Governor's Executive Council, which has already assumed the role of an Interim Government.

Besides the opposition groups led by U. Saw and Thakin Ba Sein, there are the Communists. The Communists are of two camps, and both of them had been discarded by the AFPFL, the last purge having been effected in November last. The extreme group, called the Hed Flag, led by Thakin Soe is now under Government ban, while the other group led by Thakin Than Tun and "Tetpongyi" Thein Pe are now quiet and apparently inactive.

Following the issue of the ban, there was a police round-up of the members of the Red Flag Party, and although a good number could be bagged, the biggest fish, Thakin Soe, slipped just out of the police hands. Thakin Soe is still at large, and he has been issuing announcements and communiques from his "secret" HQ threatening to march an "army" of Red Flags upon Rangoon. But until now none of his threats has been substantiated.

Apart from the moves and activities of the AFPFL and the anti-AFPFL groups, there has been a good number of strikes, and quite recently the employees of the commercials firms in Rangoon have gone on strike, and the banks in Rangoon are accordingly affected. The strikers complained of small wages and less liberal treatment. The dockyard and foreshore labour strikes have affected the loading and unloading of the goods, and the business of Rangoon is much disturbed, with the consequent rise in the prices of imported consumer goods.

The Supreme Council of the AFPFL is now in session, and the Attlee-Aung San Agreement is being submitted for ratification.

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Stalin's Order Of The Day To Red Army

LONDON, Feb. 22 (Reuter): Generalissimo Stalin has issued an order of the day to Soviet armed forces on the occasion of tomorrow's 29th anniversary of the Soviet army, Moscow radio said tonight.

The order said the anniversary was celebrated at a time "when the whole nation is working on reconstruction of the country on the liquidation of the consequences of war and further development of the country's economy".

Generalissimo Stalin stressed the need for a high degree of fighting efficiency in troops, adding,

"The task of the entire personnel of our army, air force and navy is work constantly day by day to perfect their military skill, to continue thorough study of experience at war and to make effective use of it".

MOLOTOV'S REJOINDER TO MARSHALL

LONDON, Feb. 22 (Reuter): M. Vycheslav Molotov, the Soviet Foreign Minister, has told General George Marshall, the United States Secretary of State, that his reply to the Soviet protest against statements on Soviet foreign policy by Dean Acheson, the United States Under-Secretary of State is "unconvincing", Moscow Radio reported tonight.

He added that "the Soviet Government remained of the same opinion as before", the Radio said.

Russia in a note to the United States Government accused Mr. Acheson of "Blatant slander "against Soviet foreign policy in telling the United States Senate Atomic Energy Committee on Feb. 10 that "Russia's foreign policy is aggressive and expansionist".

NO SLANDER

General Marshall in reply delivered to M. Molotov on Feb. 18 said that Mr. Acheson spoke "in the line of duty" under the United States constitutional system whereby an officer of the executive branch called before the Committee of a legislative branch is "under duty to answer frankly all relevant questions not involving a matter of secrecy incompatible with public interest".

Under United States standards, General Marshall added, a restrained comment on matters of public policy was not slander.

Moscow Radio announced tonight M. Molotov's reply to this as follows: "M. Molotov sent on Feb. 20 a reply to General Marshall in which he said that General Marshall's reply concerning the hostile speech of Mr. Acheson was not convincing and that the Soviet Government remained of the same opinion as before and as exposed in M. Molotov's note on Feb. 14".

SOVIET PLAN AGAINST U. S. CITIES?

NEW YORK, Feb. 23 (APA): Mr. Paul Griffiths, National Commander of the American Legion, yesterday accused Russia of firing rockets over Sweden "just to find out if those rockets could reach our cities of Chicago, Cleveland and Detroit" if dispatched from Spitzbergen.

Mr. Griffiths, in a radio talk, said Russia "demands co-operative control of Spitzbergen, only 3,500 miles over the top of the Arctic to our own industrial cities of Chicago, Cleveland and Detroit".

COMRADESHIP WITH PHILIPPINES

MANILA, (Reuter): Comradeship borne out of decades of mutual trust and suffering continues today—and will continue in future to constitute the main pillar of relationship between the United States and the Republic of the Philippines, U. S. Ambassador Paul V. McNutt declared in an address on his return from a trip to Washington.

The occasion was a popular banquet given in his honour by friends of the Ambassador at the Government-owned Manila Hotel

Declaring that the war was not yet over "in this world of still unresolved conflicts of interests", McNutt said: "There is urgent need that we cling fast to those whom we can without reservation call our friends, to those whom we can truly call comrades."

Mr. McNutt stated that the birth of the Republic of the Philippines "which thundered with historical significance ....did not alter by an inch the course of the broad stream of common interests between our two countries, stream fed by our common devotion to freedom, by our identical, political institutions, by our common language, by our common espousal of free economic enterprise and by our mutual and reciprocal interest in trade communications, and security.

Persian Troops Take Kurd City

Ultimatum To Barzani Refugees From Iraq

TEHERAN, Feb. 22 (Reuter): Persian troops to-day occupied Oshnoo, an upper Kurdistan city and the main centre of several thousand Kurds of Barzani tribes who took refuge in Persia after the rebellion against the Iraq Government a year ago.

The city, 14 miles from the Iraq boarder, was occupied without fighting.

The Barzani tribesmen about 15,000 strong and heavily armed, surrendered to the Persian Government after the Central Government's occupation of the North Persian province of Azerbaijan, adjoining Kurdistan, last December. They were later reported to be "blackmailing" local people to feed them and work for them.

Two weeks ago, the Persian Government offered them the choice of staying in Persia under the settlement provided by the Government—in which case they must hand over their arms and Government would assist them with money, seed and agricultural tools—or returning to Iraq without Mullah Mustafa, their leader, and 100 other Barzanis sentenced to death or imprisonment by the Iraq Government.

If they refused both these proposals, the Government said that it would expel them all.

FOOD SITUATION IN W. GERMANY

HAMBURG, Feb. 22 (Reuter): The British and the United States zones of Germany will need to import 517,000,000 dollars worth of food this year for the Germans to attain the ration of 1,800 calories per day as provided for under the Economic Fusion Agreement, it was learned here to-day. High official sources said that this would be the gist of the report which the United States ex-President, Mr. Herbert Hoover, who has been investigating Germany's food position, will make to President Truman on his return home.

The suggested figure is about double the amount estimated in the existing import and export programme for the combined zones.

HOOVER FOR U. S.

LONDON, Feb. 22 (Reuter): Mr. Herbert Hoover, former President of the United States, left England by air to-day for America with his report on the food situation in Western Germany.

He would not comment on his tour until the report had been presented to President Truman.

CAN MUNICIPALITY RUN BUSES?

AHMEDABAD, Feb. 22 (API): Running of a bus service is beyond the discretionary powers of the municipality and the members spending money are personally liable".

This view was held by the Joint Civil Judge, Senior Division, in the suit filed by three rate-payers asking for interim injunction restraining the municipality from proceeding with its resolution to run the city bus service.

The Judge, however, did not grant the injunction on the ground that the municipality was not given sufficient notice of the suit.

British Red's Bid For Real Power

LONDON, Feb. 23 (Reuter): The British Communist Party's call for "emergency committees" to deal with Britain's drive for more coal and the demand for the spreading up of Government's nationalisation programme are among some of the points which figure in its new programme of action outlined yesterday.

The programme outlined by the Party's Secretary-General Mr. Harry Pollitt, at a Congress here, will be seen by some quarters as a Communist bid for a share of real power in Britain's need to solve her urgent problems.

The significance of the Emergency Committees suggested by Mr. Pollitt appeared to be that Government should abdicate the chief responsibility for dealing with the fuel crisis and corresponding powers in favour of the Miners' Union.

MOVE TO WIPE OUT BLACK MARKET

Dinker Rao Desai's Stern Warning To Merchants

BOMBAY, Feb. 22, (API): A warning that strong measures will be taken by the Government if the merchants do not cooperate with them in wiping out black market and profiteering was given by Mr. Dinker Rao Desai, Minister for civil supplies, addressing the Federation of Bombay Retail Cloth Dealers Association this evening.

Mr. Dinker Rao Desai said that he would go to the extent of depriving the licences of the merchants, if they did not stop profiteering.

The Minister added that the Government had only a very limited amount of cloth to clothe the whole Province.

Referring to the allegations that the Government exported cloth to other Provinces the Minister said that Punjabis, Sindis and Bombayites were all Indians and they should help each other by adopting an exchange policy.

He appealed to the merchants to be honest in their dealing and to cooperate with the Government in wiping out black market and profiteering.

Speaking on the causes of shortage in cloth production which had fallen by 30 per cent the Minister said that it was due to the depreciation in machinery, lockouts and strikes in the city.

Mr. Sakalchand Shah, President of the Federation at the outset urged the Minister to increase the quota of cloth allotted to them and put a stop to the export of cloth from the Province.

LONDON STOCK EXCHANGE

LONDON, Feb. 21, (A.P.A.): Share prices on the London Stock Exchange drifted downward in very dull trading today showing losses of from a few pence two shillings and six pence at the close, following publication of the Government's gloomy "economic white paper."

Breweries and tobacco led the decline but no definite trend developed and none was expected until Monday's opening, market observers said.

Most of the white paper's plans to meet great shortages of coal and manpower and to restrict non-essential production had already been foreshadowed by steps taken during the recent fuel crisis.

Gilt-edged Government securities declined as much as one eight, general lack of buying interest prevailed in all sections.

One indication of future trends in industrials was a notable firmness in the motor section, which was believed likely to benefit from the Government's announced determination to give car exports top priority.

CHICAGO GRAIN MARKET

CHICAGO, Feb. 21.

After early firmness of commercial and replacement buying on report that Belgium overnight purchased 4,700 tons of United States flour together with light receipts and small country sales, Prices reached on profit taking and commission house selling This followed the two cents a bushel decline in Minneapolis cash wheat and reports from Washington that C.C.C. is out of the wheat market.

WALL STREET MARKET

NEW YORK Feb. 21.

Widespread gains uptb 4wd points were scored in slow trading with attendance generally reduced in view of the approaching holiday. An impetus was provided by the continued flow of good dividends and earnings ,and belief that the market was over-sold during recent technical corrections. Leaders included aviations, motor, farm implements, containers, steels rails, chemicals, wet stocks and foods. The averages were 182.18 and 51.80. The market easily maintained earlier gains in quiet trading with no apparent increase in pressure apparent. Favourable corporate news in receiving better attention, also the railroad request to the Interstate commerce commission for a minimum increase of Advance in India ..... 466,37,06,000 45 percent in mail pay rates which would be the first in 18 years. Various observers feel that the improved technical position of the market and the general tenor of domestic news speak will for the likelihood of an extension of recovery.

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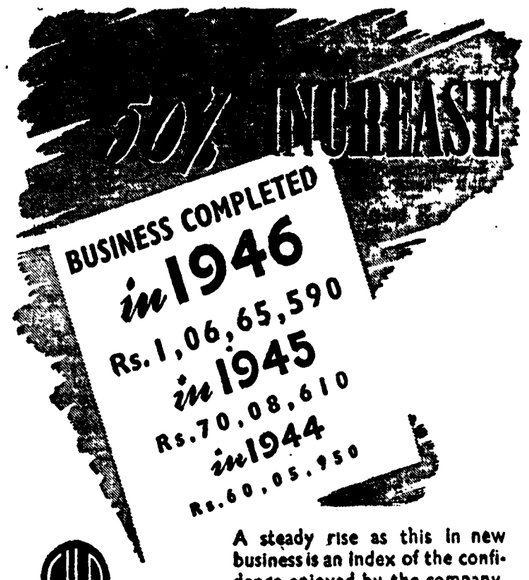

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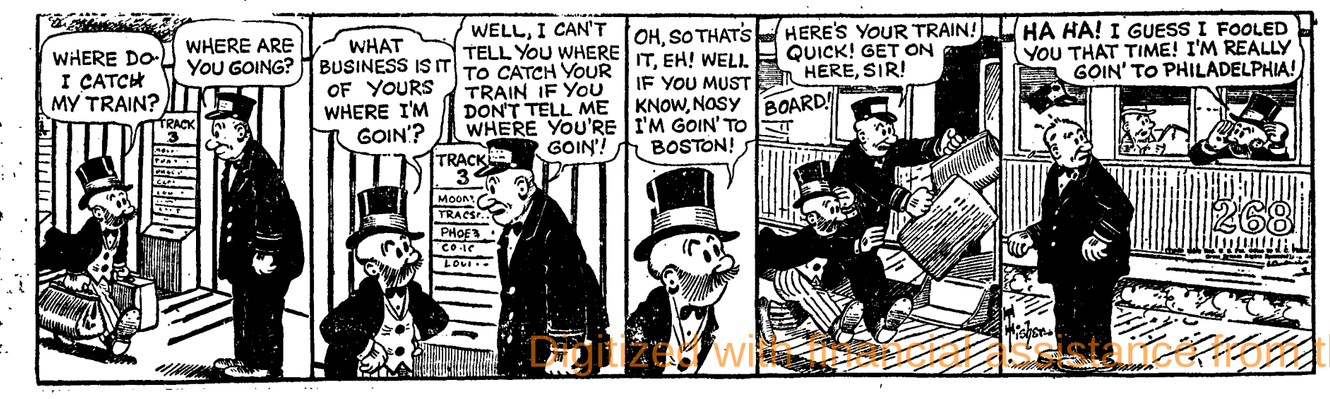
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OH, SO THAT'S IT, EH! WELL IF YOU MUST KNOW, NOSY I'M GOIN' TO BOSTON!
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BOARD!
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Wanted Agents to Secure woollen and Silk Cloth Orders, terms liberal free. Apply Western Textiles, Ludhiana. (4540)

PROPERTIES FOR SALE

POONA: Buildings and Bungalows For Sale, VACANT Possessions, Awatade, 393, Nana Peth, Poona. 4984

PUBLIC NOTICES

THE PUNJAB NATIONAL BANK LTD. FORT, BOMBAY.

WANTED — a STENOGRAPHER on total emoluments upto Rs. 125|- p.m. including allowances. Minimum qualification Matric. Persons with good speed only, need apply to:

H. L. BEDI,
District Manager.
2232

NOTICE TO PUBLIC

IT IS HEREBY NOTIFIED for public information in accordance with Rule 8, Part II, of the Rules for Places of Public Amusement in the City of Bombay, 1914, made under section 22, sub-section (1) clauses (f), (1), (g) and (h) of the City of Bombay Police Act, 1902, by the Commissioner of Police, Bombay, with the previous sanction of His Excellency the Governor of Bombay, in Council that I P. Hira propose erecting a Cinema Theatre at Chembur in Bombay Suburban District on the ground belonging to me admeasuring about 2,380 square yards on Chembur Govindi Road and registered under Collector's Plot Nos. 4-A and 4-B in Suburban Scheme No. III Chembur.

Notice is hereby given that any objections to the erection of the said Cinema Theatre should be received by the Commissioner of Police, Bombay not later than the 11th day of March, 1947, that is to say within 14 days from the date of this notice.

Bombay, 23rd February, 1947.
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GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
DEPARTMENT OF FOOD
(DIVISION III)
Office of the Chief Director of Purchase,
Mansingh Road, New Delhi.
Telegrams "PURFOOD"
DISPOSAL OF AMERICAN SURPLUS FOODSTUFFS

IN PARTIAL MODIFICATION of the press advertisement issued by the Chief Director of Purchase, Department of Food in the month of July, 1946, the Chief Director of Purchase will from now onwards accept directly offers for the purchase of American Surplus Foodstuffs of the value of Rs. 2,000/- and above. The rate of discount will be the same as mentioned in the previous notice for purchases made through Spencer & Co. i.e. as follows:—

(a) No offers will be accepted for stores valued at less than Rs. 2,000 calculated at the published retail prices.
(b) Sales for more than Rs. 2,000/- but less than Rs. 50,000 will be made at a discount of 20% on the published retail prices.
(c) Sales of and above Rs. 50,000/- but below Rs. 3,00,000/- will be at a discount of 25% on the published retail prices.
(d) Sales of and above Rs. 3,00,000|- will be at a discount of 26% on the published retail prices.
(e) In arriving at the rate of discount, orders from the same purchaser will be dealt with singly and not collectively.
(f) Only orders for full cases or the equivalent would be accepted.

Other terms and conditions remain unaltered.
2221

WANTED

IMMEDIATELY THREE SURVEYORS with experience in Irrigation survey in the grade of Rs. 50-3-75 P.M. with Dearness Allowance as per State rules. Higher initial salary will be given according to qualifications and experience.

Apply to:—
THE FIRST MEMBER,
STATE COUNCIL,
(Morvi State) MORVI.
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NOTICE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Power of Attorney granted by my client Bai Rukhanbai daughter of Hassanalli Hakimji and widow of Valliji Tajbhai to Shamaldas Motilal and Nurdin Pirbhoy and Kurbanhusein Abdulally and Bhaiya Mahanand Gayadin on 21-7-1938 is hereby cancelled as the said persons are no longer in my client's service.

Bombay, 21st February, 1947.

V. S. BORKAR,

Advocate for Bai Rukhanbai daughter of Hassanalli Hakimji & widow of Valliji Tajbhai.
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MISCELLANEOUS FOR SALE

For Sale: Parker Fountain Pens at Controlled Rates to consumers only. Agarwal & Sons (1946) Limited, 428, Kalbadevi Road, Bombay. (4959)

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For Dealers in Cycle & Auto-accessories, offering a few outstanding products. Lucas-type Bells & Motor Horns our specialities Please contact Reynolds Corporation, 7-Beadon Road, Lahore. 4899

A number of Standard typewriters in excellent condition of various makes are ready for sale. Bombay Typewriting Institution, opposite General Post Office, Fort, Bombay. Telephone 21084. 4875

For Sale—500 acres of fully planted Rubber with 375 acres of Reserve land in South Malabar. Apply to Box No. 4992, "Bombay Chronicle".

PUBLIC NOTICES

MESSRS. MARTIN BURN, LTD.
NOTICE
18th February, 1947.

AT A MEETING of the Board of Directors of Martin Burn, Ltd., held today, the Directors have recommended the payment of a dividend on the Preference Share Capital at the rate of 5% per annum for the period from 25th April to 30th September, 1946, and a dividend at the rate of six annas per share on the Ordinary Share Capital. This awaits sanction by the Shareholders at the First Ordinary General Meeting of the Company to be held on 28th March, 1947.

THE TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company both Preference and Ordinary will be CLOSED from 14th to 28th March, 1947, both days inclusive and dividends will be paid as soon as possible after the date of the General Meeting.

By Order of the Board,
T. LESLIE MARTIN.
Managing Director.
2233

G.I.P. RAILWAY—TENDERS

THE CONTROLLER OF STORES invites tenders for Reconditioning of Scrap Lead Battery with Dust. Forms obtainable from Stores Head Office, Gipsy re Lane, Lower Parel, Bombay No 13, at Rs 2|- per copy, not refundable. Money Order or cash only. Closing date 20-3-1947 at 3 p.m. (S.T.)
2235

NOTICE

IT IS NOTIFIED for the information of all concerned that I have applied for naturalization as a British subject under the British Nationality and Status of Aliens Act 1914, and that my application is at present under the consideration of the Government of India. Any person who has any objection to such naturalization may send his representation to the Secretary to the Government of India, Home Department, New Delhi.

Name: Hannuna Cesare.
Present Nationality: Italian.
Full Address: 'Haji Kassam Bldg.,' 2nd Floor, Varsova Street, Byculla, Bombay. 2229

OFFICE OF THE CHAIRMAN, B. B. & C. I. AND G. I. P. RAILWAYS SUBORDINATE SERVICE COMMISSION.

APPLICATIONS on the prescribed form obtainable at a cost of Re. 1|- from the Office of the B. B. & C. I. and G. I. P. Rlys., Joint Subordinate Service Commission, B. B. & C. I. Rly., General Offices, Churchgate, Bombay are invited up to the 10th March 1947 from candidates to fill the following permanent and temporary posts in the Stores Department of the G. I. P. Railway at Bombay or Jhansi.

(a) ONE SENIOR-CLERK, Grade of pay. Rs. 80-8-120 (Old) Rs. 100|- (revised) (PERMANENT).
(b) EIGHTY-NINE JUNIOR CLERKS OR TYPISTS, Grade Rs. 30-4-50-5-80-40-5-60. 20 Permanent and 69 Temporary
(c) ONE COPY HOLDER, Grade Rs. 30-4-50 (Revised) Rs. 40-45-3-60 (PERMANENT)

Of these vacancies, 11 are reserved for Muslims, 13 for scheduled castes, 8 for Anglo-Indians and 11 for other minority communities. The rest are unreserved. The vacancies for the Senior-clerk and Copy Holder will occur in April 1947. Of the 89 junior clerks, 12 are required in April, and the balance will be borne on a waiting list.

ALLOWANCES include Dearness and other allowances under the rules in addition to the privilege of buying food grains and other provisions at concession rates from Rly. Grainshops

QUALIFICATIONS

(a) For Senior-clerk—Graduate of a recognised University.
(b) For other clerks and Typists—Matriculation Typists minimum speed 40 words p. m.
(c) For the Copy Holder—Matriculation.

AGE—Between 18 and 25 years extended up to 28 years for scheduled castes.

Employees already in Government Service (including Railways) may apply on the prescribed form through the Head of their Department, for items (b) and (c) only.

For further particulars apply to the Secretary, B. B. & C. I. and G. I. P. Rlys., Joint Subordinate Service Commission at the above address.

Full name, address and the post for which applied should be entered in BLOCK CAPITAL LETTERS on the Money Order Coupon. MONEY ORDERS WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED IF THESE CONDITIONS ARE NOT FULFILLED. Last date for receipt of Money Orders is 1-3-1947.

CHAIRMAN.
(2211)

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Name: WALTER BRINITZER.
Present Nationality Stateless, formerly GERMAN.
Full address: C|o. S. Singermann, 177, Colaba Road Bombay. 2021

PUBLIC NOTICES

NOTICE

TENDERS ARE INVITED for the Purchases of Waste (HARD and SOFT) from the India United Mills Ltd., No. 2 & 3 Mills and will be accepted upto 4 p.m. (S.T.) on Friday the 28th February, 1947 in their Registered Office. Tender copies can be obtained from Cotton Department, E. D. Sassoon Building, Dougall Road, Ballard Estate, Bombay. 2243

TENDER NOTICE

THE DIVISIONAL ENGINEER, G.I.P. Railway, Loco Offices Building, Parel, invites tenders upto 3 p.m. on 10-3-1947 for "Matunga—Replacement of existing palisade fencing at the shops by a masonry boundary wall". The schedule, tender and conditions of contract, can be had from his office, on payment of Rs. 2|- per set. Plans for the work will be supplied on an additional payment of Rs. 3|- being made. These sums will not be refunded. 2241

WANTED

WANTED IMMEDIATELY two Head Maistries with experience of Railway works and capable of reading plans and supervising the structural works etc. Salary Rs. 75|- per mensem inclusive of Dearness Allowance. Apply with copies of testimonials to the undersigned. Quarters will not be provided for by the Railway Company

L. V. PEREIRA,
For Agent & General Manager.
B. L. Railway,
Kurduwadi. 2240

BOMBAY PORT TRUST.

TENDERS will be received by the Controller of Stores, Bombay Port Trust, at his office at Clarke Bunder, Mazagon, Bombay No. 10, upto 1 p.m. (S.T.) on Monday, the 3rd March, 1947, for the supply, during the REMAINING calendar year 1947, of Oil Linseed double boiled, Oil Linseed raw, Rope coir oiled and Rope coir second hand.

Full particulars and conditions are embodied in the form of tender and schedule, which may be obtained from the office of the undersigned at Rs. 2/- per copy.

Tender forms will not be sent per V.P.P.

R. C. MASTER,
Controller of Stores.
(1968)

RESERVE BANK OF INDIA
CLERICAL POSTS

APPLICATIONS ARE INVITED for enlistment in the waiting list for the following clerical posts in the Bombay Office of the Reserve Bank of India.

Clerks Grade II: Grade Rs. 75-5-100-E.B. 5-125-E.B. 5-150.

In addition to the above grade, employees are entitled to dearness allowance and local allowance at rates prescribed by the Bank from time to time; the present rates are 20% of salary (subject to a minimum of Rs. 30) and 10% of salary (subject to a minimum of Rs. 10) per mensem respectively.

Graduates will be granted up to three initial increments and double graduates and others with high academic qualifications up to four initial increments on their appointment as Clerks Grade II.

Applicants should be of sound physique over the age of 18 but under the age of 22 (except in the case of candidates with higher educational qualifications, such as graduates, in which case the age limit may be extended to 25 years) and must have passed the matriculation or an equivalent examination.

Candidates must submit their applications with copies of at least two testimonials to the Manager, Reserve Bank of India, Post Box No. 901, Bombay 1, stating in the following order:—Name in full; address; age; date of birth; where born; religion or caste; father's name; father's occupation; educational qualifications; schools; colleges, universities attended; previous experience, if any; knowledge of shorthand and typewriting.

Applications must also be in the candidate's own handwriting and reach the Bank on or before the 15TH MARCH, 1947. Applications will not be acknowledged unless a fully stamped addressed envelope is enclosed.

No interviews will be granted to candidates except those who are specially called nor will the Bank enter into correspondence with unsuccessful candidates.

Up-country selected candidates will be required to present themselves for interview at Bombay and will be paid railway fare at single inter-class rates to and from their place of residence. 2239

PUBLIC NOTICE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that 10 shares of the face value of Rs. 50 bearing Nos. 30980/30982, 15423/15427, 54585 and 1441 of the Bharat Spinning and Weaving Co., Ltd., standing in the name of Velabai Mathuradas and Mathuradas Dharamsey are lost or mislaid. If any person is in possession of the said shares he is hereby requested to send them to the undersigned at his address at Old Bhatia Mahajan Wadi, Kalbadevi Road, Bombay 2, within fifteen days from date hereof. If any person has any claim on said shares he must apply to the above Company within fifteen days hereof after which any such claim shall be deemed as waived. The undersigned has applied to the Company to issue us the duplicates of the relative shares after the expiration of the period.

VELABAI MATHURADAS,
MATHURADAS DHARAMSEY.
Dated 24/2/47. 4995

PUBLIC NOTICES.

THE INDORE MALWA UNITED MILLS, LTD.
NOTICE
LOST OR MISLAID

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Temporary Receipt No. 1549, dated 30-10-46 in respect of 3 shares Nos. 11848, 11849 and 11850 in the name of Jinmati Chandulal and the Temporary Receipt No. 1550 dated 30-10-46 in respect of 2 shares Nos. 18630 and 12833 in the name of Vinubhai Chandulal are reported to be lost or mislaid. Any person in possession of these Temporary Receipts or claiming any interest in the same is hereby required to make the same known in writing to the Company's Registered Office at 139, Medows Street, Fort, Bombay, or at the mill premises, Indore, within 15 days from the date of the publication of the Notice. Otherwise the claim, if any, shall be considered as waived and the duplicates of the said lost Temporary Receipts will be issued to the applicants.

GOVINDRAM SEKSARIA.
Managing and Selling Agents.
24-2-47. 2242

NOTICE

IT IS NOTIFIED for the information of all concerned that I have applied for naturalization as a British subject under the British Nationality and Status of Aliens Act, 1914, and that my application is at present under the consideration of the Government of India. Any person who has any objection to such naturalization may send his representation to the Secretary to the Government of India, Home Department, New Delhi.

Name: GEORGE FRANCIS HITCHMAN.

Present Nationality: AUSTRIAN.
Full Address: "Heliopolis", Colaba Road, Bombay. 2228

LEGAL NOTICES

NOTICE OF SALE

Bai BEHROZEBAI ARDESHIR NARIELWALA, NOWROJI ARDESHIR NARIELWALA, PIROJSHAW ARDESHIR NARIELWALA and NOWROJI RUSTOMJI ADENWALA, all of Bombay Parsi Inhabitants, the proving Executors and Trustees of the last Will of Ardeshir Shapurji Narielwala have contracted to sell the undermentioned property to our clients. All persons having or claiming any right, title, interest, claim, or demand whatsoever in to or upon the said property or any part thereof arising howsoever are hereby required to make the same known in writing to the undersigned at their Office at 134, Medows Street, Fort, Bombay, within 14 days from the date hereof. Any claim not made in writing as hereby required shall be deemed as waived and abandoned.

DESCRIPTION OF THE PROPERTY

All that piece of land of quit and ground rent tenure (now redeemed), admeasuring about 629 Square Yards and bearing Collector's new Nos. 5051, 5052, New Survey No. 1 and Cadastral Survey

9353

No. 408 of the Fort Division together with building standing thereon and bearing Municipal A Ward No. 1478 (2) and Street Nos. 40-40A-40B situate on the Western side of Cowasji Patel Street in the City and Registration District and Sub-District of Bombay and bounded, on the East by the Cawasji Patel Street, on the West and South by the property belonging to the estate of Jamshedji Nasserwanji Dadyseth and on the North by a sweeper's passage and beyond that by the properties of Abba Haji Habib and Maneckji Jamshetjee Mistry.

Dated this 22nd day of February, 1947.

SUNKERSETT & VAIDYA,
Purchasers' Attorneys. 2234

NOTICE OF SALE

Mr. MANGALCHAND KHIMCHAND of Bombay Hindu Inhabitant, the Administrator of the property and credits of the late Khimchand Ootamchand has contracted to sell the undermentioned property to our client. All persons having or claiming any right, title, interest, claim or demand whatsoever in to or upon the said property or any part thereof arising howsoever are hereby required to make the same known in writing to the undersigned at their Office at 134, Medows Street, Fort, Bombay, within 14 days from the date hereof. Any claim not made in writing as hereby required shall be deemed as waived and abandoned.

DESCRIPTION OF THE PROPERTY

Pension and Tax land with the buildings standing thereon, situate on the Northern side of Vithalwady Street, in the Registration Sub-District of Bombay, admeasuring about 304 square yards and bearing Collector's New No. AC1

2961

and New Survey No. 5A1 and Ca-

1462

dastral Survey No. 1540 of Bhuleshwar Division and Municipal C Ward No. 1642, Street Nos. 100 to 106, Vithalwady Street and bounded on the South by the said Vithalwady Street, on the West partly by the property of Jeram Hari and partly by the property of Ganpatrao Raghunath, on the North by the property belonging to Madhavji Thakersey and on the East by the property of Dhunji Dharamsey.

Dated this 22nd day of February, 1947.

SUNKERSETT & VAIDYA,
Attorneys for the Purchaser.
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LEGAL NOTICES

Miscellaneous Application No. 3 of 1947

Notice of Application under Sec. 12 of the Indian Companies Act 1913.

IN THE COURT OF THE SARNYADHISHA AUNDH STATE

IN THE MATTER of confirmation of alteration in the memorandum of Association of the Bank of Aundh Ltd.

Whereas the Managing Director of the Bank of Aundh Ltd. has presented an application to this Court praying that alteration in the memorandum of Association as made by the General Meeting of the Company by a special resolution as required by Sec. 11 and 12 of the Indian Companies Act be confirmed.

This is to give notice to all interested persons that this Court has fixed 15-3-1947 as the day to receive any objections to the confirmation of the proposed alteration in the memorandum of Association and any person intending to object to the proposed alteration may appear on that day in the Court to lodge their objections, if any.

This the 17th day of the month of Feb., 1947.

By order of the Court,
R. D. KANADE,
Registrar S. N. Court,
Aundh State.
(SEAL)
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Re. Mortgage of a share in the property at New Kazi Street bearing Cadastral Survey No. 3341 of Bhuleshwar Division.

Mahomed Ebrahim Hissamuddin and Abdul Gafoor Hissamuddin

to

Umedmal Waghji and Molaji Dharmaji (Okhaji Jiwanji & Co.).

THE MORTGAGEES are hereby informed that the above property has been purchased by our client Badruddin Kamruddin Mukry subject to the mortgage dated 23rd December, 1938. They are required to receive the mortgage debt and interest upto 30th August 1946 and to execute the Deed of Reconveyance of the property and deliver to the undersigned the title deeds in their possession. Interest on the motgage debt has ceased to run from 1st September, 1946.

Dated this 21st day of February, 1947.

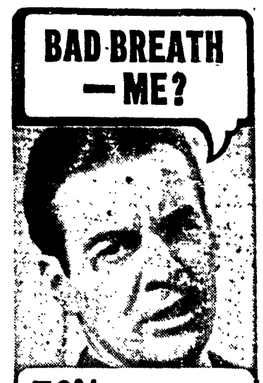
HIRALAL MEHTA & CO.
Purchaser's Attorneys.
Cama Chambers Medows Street.
2237

AUCTION SALES.

AUCTION SALE OF 2534 ROLLS GALVANISED NETTING WIRE, Chevrolet Truck, Austin Saloon, Station Wagon, Cable Electric, Wireless Equipment, Accumulators Batteries, Canvass Mattresses, Iron Chains, Jutelac Sheets, Generator Charging plant, leather Scrap, Broaches Blades, Wooden Boxes, Ridges, Steel Helmets etc. on Friday, 28th Inst. at 10-30 a.m. (S.T.) at D. M. P. Depot, Sewri, near Reay Road Station, under instructions from the Regional Disposals Commissioner, Bombay.

Terms: 25% deposit, balance in 7 days & delivery in 21 days, otherwise money and goods will be forfeited.

GANDHI & CO.



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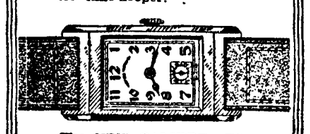

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